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# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

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## TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

FROM

MARCH 1, 1860, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1861,

AND THE

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1860--61.

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

OF THE

STATE OF NEW YORK

FOR THE YEAR 1881

ALBANY:





## Overseers' Report.

### NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE :—

Lydia Emerson,	83 years.
Joseph Alexander (died Aug. 11, 1860),	77 “
Nancy Alexander,	72 “
Frederic Butters,	65 “
Alvah Buck,	61 “
Lucy Alexander,	57 “
Caleb Nichols (discharged),	
Louisa Burtt,	56 “
Mary Harnden,	75 “
Fanny Butters,	20 “
Whole Number,	10
Average “	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Present “	8
142 poor strangers have been assisted.	

### EXPENSE AT THE ALMSHOUSE :—

Paid for West India goods and groceries,	\$45 81
“ flour,	38 25
“ grain and meal,	60 65
“ clothing, boots and shoes,	24 66
“ fresh meat,	34 08
“ salt pork,	13 74
“ household furniture,	6 34
“ farming utensils,	20 95
“ grass and other seeds,	5 05
“ fish, beans, and salt,	16 26
“ baker's bread,	6 48
“ tobacco and snuff,	3 34
“ spirituous liquors and cider,	4 00
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$279 61

Amount brought forward,		\$279 61
Paid for blacksmith's bill,	3 83	
" medicine and medical attendance,	9 24	
" funeral expenses,	14 00	
" horse hire and car fare,	6 37	
" soap,	7 50	
" one cow and calf,	25 00	
" shoats,	13 00	
" labor employed,	39 17	
" salary of Superintendent,	160 42—	\$558 14

### Credits and Receipts.

By wood and lumber sold,	80 00	
" hay and straw	42 30	
" butter	27 05	
" berries	15 00	
" calves	19 51	
" cow hide	3 00	
" old brick and stone	6 50	
" produce	24 50	
" entertainment of sundry persons,	11 00	
" labor done off the farm,	62 00—	290 86
		<hr/> 267 28

### EXPENSE OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE :—

Supplies furnished Timothy Bancroft,	82 18	
" " A. S. Wilcox,	59 47	
Physician's bill for same,	5 00	
Paid for Reuben Butters' family,	23 51	
Physician's bill for the same,	7 25	
Wood furnished Simeon Butters,	4 00—	181 41
Expense in and out of the almshouse,		<hr/> \$448 69

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	} OVERSEERS OF POOR.
JAMES GOWING,	
WILLIAM BEARD,	

WILMINGTON, FEB. 1, 1861.



## Selectmen's Report

### ORDERS DRAWN BY THE SELECTMEN:—

For expenses of the Poor in and out of the  
almshouse,

\$448 69

### For Services of Town Officers.

Wm. H. Carter, as Town Clerk,	15 00	
" " recording, &c., 30 births, a .20,	6 00	
" " recording, &c., 11 deaths, a .20,	2 20	
" " recording, &c., 9 marriages, a .10,	90	
" " journey to Billerica, to re- turn votes for Represent- ative in District No. 22,	2 00	
" " cash paid for postage,	45—	26 55
Samuel B. Nichols, Treas. and Collector,	100 00—	100 00
John H. Sowersby, as Constable,	5 00—	5 00
Lemuel C. Eames, as Selectman, and Over- seer of the Poor,	20 00	
" " as Assessor 42 days, tak- ing valuation,	84 00	
" " recording the same, and assessing taxes,	10 00	
" " perambulating town lines,	2 00	
" " journeys and expenses out of town on pauper business,	8 00—	124 00
James Gowing, as Selectman, and Overseer of the Poor,	10 00	
" " as Assessor,	124 00	
" " two journeys to Reading,	1 50—	135 50
Wm. Beard, as Selectman, and Overseer of the Poor,	10 00	
Amount carried forward,	\$10 00	\$830 74

Amount brought forward,	\$10 00	\$839 74
Wm. Beard, 44 days taking valuation,	88 00	
“ “ making highway tax, &c.,	12 00	
“ “ cash paid for assistance in running lines,	2 50	
“ “ journeys out of town,	2 50—	115 00
L. C. Eames, as Superintending School Com.,	15 00	
Warren Eames, “ “ “	18 00—	33 00
Caleb Eames, as Auditor of Town Treas- urer's accounts,	1 00	
Wm. H. Carter, do.,	1 00	
L. C. Eames, do.,	1 00—	3 00

### Roads and Bridges.

Noah Clapp, repairing the road from J. A. Ames' store to Burlington line,	\$200 00	
R. E. Carter, lumber for repairing bridge at Harnden's mill,	5 88	
James K. Pearsons, clearing snow,	3 00—	208 88
		<u>\$1199 62</u>

### AMOUNT OF HIGHWAY DEFICIENCIES FOR 1859, RETURNED AND PAID TO SURVEYORS OF 1860 :—

Levi Swain, Jr.,	\$25 07	
R. E. Carter,	21 69	
D. P. Brigham,	52 20	
S. L. Johnson,	16 32	
John L. Howard,	4 86	
Charles Hopkins,	3 99	
Joshua Gowing,	7 21—	131 34

### Distribution of School Money.

North School District,	\$156 23	
South “ “	156 23	
Center “ “	156 23	
East “ “	156 23	
West “ “	156 23—	781 15

### Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid for use of vestry to March 1, 1861,	\$25 00	
“ fire proof safe,	70 00	
Amount carried forward,	\$95 00	<u>\$2112 11</u>

Amount brought forward,	\$95 00	\$2112 11
Paid for express fees and freight,	1 51	
“ blank books and stationery,	8 50	
“ ringing the bell,	15 00	
Paid A. G. Somerby, as counsel in the Abbott case,	25 00	
“ John N. Eames, for guide boards,	1 12	
Amount discount allowed for prompt pay- ment of taxes,	204 19	
“ State Tax, as per receipt,	175 00	
“ County Tax, “ “	519 67	
“ interest on town notes,	100 00	
“ “ “ orders,	96 49	
Paid for printing School Report, 1859-60,	12 26	
“ office furniture,	7 00	
Abatement of taxes on tax lists for 1857, '58, '59,	95 94	
Abatement on taxes of sundry persons who were over assessed,	43 30	—1399 98
		<u>\$3512 09</u>

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	}	SELECTMEN
JAMES GOWING,		OF
WILLIAM BEARD,		WILMINGTON.

WILMINGTON, FEB. 1, 1861.

## Town Treasurer's Report.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF  
WILMINGTON, DR.

To cash in treasury, March 1, 1860,	\$ 482 29
“ amount due on tax list, Mar. 1, 1860,	416 91
“ “ tax list for 1860, committed for collection,	3764 40
Amount carried forward,	<u>\$4663 60.</u>

Amount brought forward,	\$4663 60
To amount received from State School Fund,	31 16
" " " for license of dogs,	6 00
" " " " lots sold in cemetery,	28 00
" " " of town of Woburn for support of E. Abbott,	71 00—4799 76

## CREDIT.

By amount paid to order of Selectmen,	3616 31
" " of taxes uncollected,	780 33—4396 64
" " " cash in treasury,	\$403 12

## AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS :—

Orders drawn by the Selectmen,	\$833 21
Due the West School District,	65 00
Balance due Dexter Carter,	16 00
Salary of E. B. Avery, to April 1, 1861,	175 00
Notes bearing 5 per cent. interest,	2000 00
Total liabilities,	\$3089 21

## AVAILABLE FUNDS :—

Cash in treasury,	\$403 12
Amount of taxes uncollected,	780 33
Bills received of E. B. Avery against sundry persons,	175 61—1359 06
Actual balance against the town,	\$1730 15

CALEB EAMES,	} AUDITORS.
L. C. EAMES,	
WM. H. CARTER,	

WILMINGTON, FEB. 1, 1861.

# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1860-61.

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The prosperity of our public schools is so intimately connected with the prosperity of all the other institutions affecting society, that it invests them at once with a degree of importance seldom if ever over-estimated. Our schools should be viewed and regarded by all, fairly and without prejudice, both as to what they are doing, and what they are expected to accomplish. In submitting, therefore, a detailed report of the condition and progress made in our schools for the year now closed, your Committee are aware of their inability to meet the difficulties which attach to such a subject, and at the same time to meet the variously conflicting opinions held by the people who are directly affected, and therefore in some way interested in whatever relates to our system of public school education. But however regarded, in whatever light viewed, the subject is one of vital importance to the entire community, whether we consider its relation to property and taxation simply, or to its extended usefulness in affording protection and general security to all the great interests that pertain to men and society. Intelligence always commands respect, and is absolutely necessary for the common safety. Therefore if we as citizens having a common interest in a common safety are wise, we shall be willing to look well to the educational power and influence of our public schools, for from them are yearly coming forth those who must take their places on the active stage of life, whose influence is and must be *felt* in the public councils, and *seen* in the general enterprise



and thrift of the day, as surrounding circumstances and controlling influences shall determine. Such then being the fact, and the inevitable result, can we be indifferent or unmindful of the course which should be taken and pursued in reference to our obligations in this matter, either as individuals or as members of the community? It is quite true that there are very respectable and worthy persons among us who appear to feel well satisfied with the present condition and advantages which our schools afford, as though they were amply sufficient for all the practical demands of the age; while there are others apparently equally worthy who regard them as doing much good, and as public institutions for the education of the young, worthy of support and general respect, but still sadly lacking in that most essential point — the proper drill and exercise of the mind, which is necessary for growth and strength. Now these differing opinions will very likely lead to a more careful inspection, for indeed it is an important point, and indicates the necessity of a careful examination, without personal feeling or prejudice; and be it remembered it is the system which is relied on for the mental culture of our children, who are soon not only to represent us, but also themselves, in all the strength and power of their manhood, in the varied relations of active business.

The town at the last annual meeting appropriated \$750 for the support of its schools for the year. The amount received from the State School Fund was \$31.16, which was divided equally between the five School Districts comprising the whole town, making for each district the sum of \$156.23, which has been applied under direction of the Prudential Committee for each district, to the purpose for which it was raised.

Each of the schools has continued quietly through the usual terms, with very little interruption. The good degree of harmony and quietness that has characterized the preliminary arrangements for our schools, is worthy of special note. There has been no misunderstanding to disturb the peaceful relations necessary to make the schools efficient, pleasant and prosperous. For this and whatever else may have contributed to the general

prosperity and success of each particular school; the credit is largely due to the gentlemen who have served as Prudential Committee, not only for the generally wise and judicious selection of teachers, but for their friendly and personal interest manifested toward the schools.

The persons who were selected and approved for the responsible position of teachers in our public schools, appeared well qualified for that service, and ardently desirous of rendering their labors beneficial to their pupils in the highest degree; yet as might be expected, all were not alike successful. There are no two teachers precisely alike; each has his own peculiarities and must be allowed to proceed in his own peculiar way, or he will most assuredly fail of gaining the heart and mind of the child. And if we refrain from instituting a critical comparison of the different schools, and especially of discriminating between the different teachers, we hope it will be considered no disregard to usage or delinquency in duty, as it is a work often rendered very unsatisfactory if not positively injurious. We bear most honorable testimony to the fact that our teachers, as a body, both those of the Summer and those of the Winter, have labored with assiduity and most untiring zeal. The improvement has been as good as is commonly known to us. The progress made in Reading, Writing and Spelling, was quite perceptible, and pleasant to witness. These most important and fundamental branches of study are exceedingly liable to be neglected and passed over in too great haste. Most of the classes in Arithmetic, both written and mental, appeared well, — some of the scholars showed a good degree of accurate understanding and proficiency. The other branches usually taught in our schools were attended to with varied success. Grammar, Geography, and History, seldom or never hold that place in the mind of the scholar that their rank and importance demand. It would be of great service if the teacher, at the close of a recitation and on assigning another lesson, should be able to give some familiar illustrations suited to the class, on each topic, and occasionally relate some pleasant and stirring anecd-

notes, showing something of the practical utility of gaining a thorough knowledge of the subject, and thus awaken an interest in the study and arouse the energies of the mind.

The government of the schools has generally been judicious and eminently mild. No interference from the Committee has been called for, or required. It has seemed to the Committee, whenever they have visited the schools, both on the working days and at the closing examinations, that (with a single exception) the relation of teacher and pupils was pleasant, and such as to evince a commendable regard to the rights and duties of each, and therefore respectful to both. Of course we do not claim that perfect order reigned; it is not to be expected that all scholars will, at all times, conform with exact military precision in every thing and every particular. Such a course or state of things in schools composed of young children especially, is not desirable, as it does not conduce either to the physical comfort and health of the scholars, or to their highest intellectual improvement. Discretion and prudence are essential qualities to the proper management of a District School. It requires the possession and exercise of many rare and valuable qualities which cannot be seen until they are brought out by trial and experience. We are pleased, therefore, when our fond and high hopes in regard to the teachers of our schools are not disappointed; but if they fail in their work we all are not only disappointed, but there is a public loss.

For the Summer and also for the Winter terms, we are happy to state that two well tried and experienced teachers were retained — MISS BRIGHAM and MISS BRIDGES — whose previous reputation and success require no praise at our hands. They having continued their labors in the same schools for several successive terms with great fidelity, will long be remembered by their friends and pupils as judicious and conscientious teachers. The others had little or no previous experience in teaching. MISS GOWING, as was expected, succeeded well, was happy in her arrangements and general plans, and quite at home in her school. The Winter term was an improvement on the first,



showing the fact that she too can improve by experience, and no doubt may become eminent as a good teacher. The MISSES GEORGE were enthusiastic and diligent; they aimed to be thorough in their teaching, and to accomplish much for their scholars. Unfortunately they did not receive the confidence and meet with the co-operation of the people to the extent that they were fairly entitled to expect, — unfounded prejudice cannot be easily removed in a single term, and ought never to be allowed to detract from the just merits of any teacher. MR. RICHARDSON was diligent and devoted to his work; he took special pains with his classes in Reading, the effect of which was quite visible at the closing examination; and in many other respects we consider him well deserving. MISS RICHARDSON, although quite young and without experience in teaching, gave much promise of being able to gain the good will of her scholars, and thus have a pleasant and prosperous school. Her success was the most perceptible with the younger portion of her scholars.

We are favorably impressed with the idea of employing female teachers generally for the Winter as well as the Summer school, and would suggest the propriety and urgent necessity of employing those who have judgment, matured by some practical trial and experience, especially for the more difficult and important term of a Winter school.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE, &amp;c.

Name of School.	Teacher's Name.	Term.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attend.	Length School.	Wages pr. mo.
North.	Miss C. K. Gowing.	Summer.	41	31½	4 mos.	\$20.00
"	" " "	Winter.	39	27¾	3 "	20.00
South.	" C. L. Brigham.	Summer.	35	30	4½ "	20.00
"	Mr. A. M. Richardson.	Winter.	36	30½	2½ "	32.00
Center.	Miss E. R. George.	Summer.	28	20½	3¼ "	20.00
"	" C. L. Brigham.	Winter.	32	26	3½ "	20.00
East.	" Susan George.	Summer.	20	16¼	3¼ "	20.00
"	" E. T. Richardson.	Winter.	36	25	3¼ "	20.00
West.	" E. A. Bridges.	Summer.	23	17	3¼ "	20.00
"	" " "	Winter.	26	15	3 "	20.00

Whole number of scholars in Summer, . . . . . 147

" " " Winter, . . . . . 169

Average ages of all the scholars in the Winter school is but a small fraction from 11 years. The length of the South School was increased in consequence of a balance remaining from the appropriation of last year.

By a comparison of the above table with the returns of last year, in the same particulars, it will be seen that the whole number of scholars in all the schools has increased in the Winter term twenty-one ; while in the Summer term it has decreased eleven, showing a singular irregularity.

The average attendance numbers very nearly the same as last year, and is quite too small. There can be no good reason assigned for so large a per cent of absentees, five-eighths of all the scholars only in regular attendance. Besides this, the school registers contain another very decidedly unfortunate feature ; tardiness of scholars seems to be a great characteristic of the schools. In one school for both terms, are noted three hundred and seventy-six cases of tardiness. Now any one may see that such a state of things must occasion great loss to the tardy scholar, and serious interruption to the school itself. We call the careful attention of parents to these facts. This inconstancy and tardiness in their children (if not absolutely unavoidable) is early laying the foundation and forming habits which may seriously interfere with their success in business through life. Habits of punctuality should be early regarded and maintained. When and how can parents do better for their children than to insist upon a constant and punctual attendance on the school, and thus not only save them from idleness and evils incident to *no occupation*, but secure for them all the improvement which our schools, maintained for the benefit of all, are suited to afford ? If our schools are not just what we could wish, yet they are *our schools*, and really constitute the source to which the children and youth of the town *must* repair if they would gain a knowledge of the rudiments and principles necessary to constitute a respectable common education. And if any here fail in this one point, who does not see that such an one must always be a great loser, and the public thereby suffer loss ?

For the honor of the schools we can confidently state that there are in each of them some scholars who have made very commendable improvement by diligence and close application of their minds to study. They are therefore, as such, known as

ornaments to the school, and will be known as ornaments to society. But need we state that this number is quite too small? It is rather discouraging to notice how many of the older scholars are disinclined to give their minds to any thing like systematic study. Here is one great difficulty; and it is one for which the teacher is not always responsible. It is of no practical use to charge every thing wrong upon the teacher. He may desire to implant high and worthy motives of action, and speak of the value of knowledge to an individual, and his relations to a large community, and yet fail to arouse or call forth a single generous and noble effort. And all this failure on account of the indifference which surrounds him at home and in the neighborhood.

Now what is wanted and greatly needed, is a strong and healthy public sentiment on this subject. The public must be willing to do what is obviously necessary to give efficiency to its own institutions, in order to secure the highest interests of the people. Will any object to this? If not, we invite the people of Wilmington to look back for a series of years and see what has been the influence coming down to us through our schools and other agencies of power that produced the state of things we now behold. After a careful and intelligent survey of the whole field, we are confident that the people will be ready to unite in all proper efforts for the elevation and improvement of our schools.

LEMUEL C. EAMES, } SCHOOL  
WARREN EAMES, } COMMITTEE.



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## OVERSEERS' REPORT.

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Alvah Buck,	62 “
Lucy Alexander,	58 “
Louisa Burt,	57 “
Mary Harnden,	76 “
Fanny Butters,	21 “
Loammi Boutwell,	82 “
Caleb Nichols,	52 “
Whole number,	10
Average “	8½
Present “	10

213 poor strangers have been assisted to 435 meals and lodgings.

### EXPENSE AT THE ALMSHOUSE :—

Paid for West India goods and groceries,	\$79 53
“ flour,	44 25
“ grain and meal,	59 40
“ clothing, boots and shoes,	25 47
“ fresh meat,	47 37
“ household furniture and bedding,	27 27
“ farming utensils,	15 43
“ grass and other seeds,	4 15
“ fish, beans and salt,	16 48
“ baker's bread,	7 65
Amount carried forward,	\$327 00

Amount brought forward,	\$327 00	
Paid for tobacco and snuff,	5 30	
“ blacksmith bill,	13 99	
“ medicine,	5 98	
“ horse hire,	3 75	
“ soap,	14 88	
“ shoats,	20 00	
“ labor employed,	37 11	
“ difference in oxen,	30 50	
“ onions,	1 15	
“ salary of Superintendent,	166 60—	626 26

## IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS :—

Paid for labor on repairs,	\$45 39	
“ clearing land,	50 00	
“ lumber, posts, and nails,	39 58	
“ pumps and pipes,	20 05—	155 02
		<hr/> \$781 28

## CREDIT AND RECEIPTS.

By cranberries sold,	\$13 57	
“ calves “	15 45	
“ skewers “	1 00	
“ potatoes “	16 90	
“ old ware “	46	
“ lard “	2 00	
“ pork “	7 00	
“ butter “	44 33	
“ grease & ash. “	5 25	
“ pigs “	10 00	
“ wood “	35 00	
By labor of the farm,	8 00	
“ old brick and iron,	11 96—	170 92
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$610 36



Amount brought forward,

\$610 36

## EXPENSE OF THE POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE :—

Supplies furnished T. Bancroft,	\$12 48	
Funeral expenses of “	14 00	
Supplies furnished M. A. Chapman,	26 00	
“ “ A. S. Wilson,	184 98	
Medical attendance and medicine,	18 62	
Funeral expenses,	16 00	
Wood,	20 00	
Supplies furnished Simeon Butters,	24 12	
Medical attendance “ “	5 12	
Wood “ “	15 00	
Town of Woburn for supplies furnished Q.		
Tweed,	41 75	
Town of South Reading for supplies furnished John A. Allen,	49 00	
do. supplies furnished Widow Allen,	101 76	
Supplies furnished Reuben Butters,	9 78	
Funeral expenses and medical attendance for two children of Reuben Butters,	13 00—	551 61
Expense in and out of the almshouse,		\$1161 97

J. B. PUTNAM,	} OVERSEERS
DANIEL GOWING,	
D. P. BRIGHAM,	
	OF
	POOR.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 1, 1862.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Orders drawn by Selectmen for expenses of

Poor in and out of almshouse,

\$1161 97

### For Services of Town Officers.

Wm. H. Carter, as Town Clerk,	\$15 00	
“ “ journey to Billerica to qual- ify Representative,	2 00	
“ “ recording and making re- turns 17 deaths, a .20,	3 40	
“ “ do. do. 14 births a .20,	2 80	
“ “ do. do. 9 marriages a .10,	90	
“ “ postage on return votes,	42—	24 52
C. W. Swain, Treas. and Collector,	50 00—	50 00
Levi Swain, Jr., as Constable,	15 00—	15 00
J. B. Putnam, 14 days assessing and mak- ing taxes,	21 00	
“ “ services as Selectman and Overseer,	20 00—	41 00
Daniel Gowing, as Selectman and Overseer,	15 00	
“ “ as Assessor 25 days,	37 50	
“ “ journeys and expense on pau- per business,	5 00—	57 50
D. P. Brigham, as Assessor 10 1-2 days,	15 75	
“ “ as Selectman and Overseer,	10 00	
“ “ journeys out of town on pau- per business,	4 50	
“ “ perambulating Town Line,	1 50—	31 75
L. C. Eames, Superintending School Com.,	18 00	
Warren Eames, “ “ “	15 00	
George Gowing, “ “ “	15 00—	48 00
Amount carried forward,		\$1429 74

Amount brought forward,		\$1429 74
L. C. Eames, auditing Town Treas. acct.,	1 00	
Wm. H. Carter, " " " "	1 00	
Jona. Carter, 2d, " " " "	1 00—	3 00
		<hr/> \$1432 74

#### Roads and Bridges.

Repairing Shawshene bridge,	\$ 1 00	
Setting posts for guide boards,	75	
5 1-2 days labor building fence,	8 25	
Posts and boards for fence,	15 76	
Sylvester Carter, breaking roads,	8 48	
Horace Sheldon, " "	32 38	
John French, " "	4 00	
Alanson Jaquith, " "	21 45	
Newton George, " "	15 50	
G. W. Slack, " " "	16 97	
Wm. Boutwell, " "	14 13	
Nathan E. Buck, " "	34 35	
Thomas P. Eames, " "	12 30	
Ambrose Upton, " "	13 50	
J. O. Jaquith, " "	19 37	
Otis C. Buck, " "	32 22	
Lorenzo Butters, " "	18 60	
Otis Carter, " "	32 10—	301 11

#### AMOUNT HIGHWAY DEFICIENCIES, 1860 :—

Sylvester Carter,	\$ 4 18
Alanson Jaquith,	3 60
Thomas P. Eames,	5 76
Otis C. Buck,	6 20
Wm. Boutwell,	11 92
Otis Carter,	15 04
Nathan E. Buck,	4 24
G. W. Slack,	22 33

Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$1733 85
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Amount brought forward,		\$1733 85
Horace Sheldon,	\$15 38	
Joshua O. Jaquith,	2 75—	91 40
OUTSTANDING CLAIMS NOT REPORTED LAST YEAR:—		
Henry Sheldon, as highway deficiency, '59,	\$23 45	
J. O. Jaquith, " " '59,	3 89	
Nichols, Winn & Co., bill of groceries,	2 10—	29 44
		<hr/> \$1854 69

#### Distribution of School Money.

North School District,	\$156 39	
South " "	156 39	
Center " "	156 39	
East " "	156 39	
West " "	156 39—	781 95

#### Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid for printing Town Valuation,	\$ 32 00	
L. C. Eames, preparing " "	10 00	
State Tax, as per receipt,	168 00	
County " " "	488 05	
Lot of land bought of Oliver Jaquith,	50 00	
Hayscales,	188 36	
Ringling bell,	15 00	
Use of vestry,	25 00	
C. Morrill, for making returns,	2 40	
Jonas Alexander, for damage highway,	3 77	
Express fees and car fare,	4 07	
Stationery,	2 54	
Advertising and printing,	7 25	
Recording deed,	50	
Horse hire,	6 50	
Interest on town notes,	50 00	
" " orders,	44 03	
Sealing weights and measures,	6 50	
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$2636 64

Amount brought forward,	\$2636 64
Printing Auditor's and School Reports, '60,	17 00
John Bayley, extra work on highway,	1 20
Abatement of taxes on lists 1857, '58, '59,	42 09
Amount discount allowed for prompt pay-	
ment of taxes,	159 25
Abatement of taxes on persons over as-	
sessed,	38 61— 1362 12

**Aid furnished Volunteers and their Families.**

Paid Mary Bancroft,	\$123 20	
" Josephine Taylor,	79 00	
" Minerva Jaquith,	60 00	
" Georgiana Pierson,	78 57	
" Martha A. Nichols,	83 70	
" Rhoda M. White,	84 28	
" Maria M. Batcheller,	50 29	
" Mrs. James Hale,	56 80	
" Daniel Noonan, 3 months bounty,	30 00	
" James O. Carter's order,	30 00	
" George Bayley's "	30 00	
" Henry Stickney,	30 00	
" L. White, outfit and bounty,	54 85	
" Frederick White, outfit and bounty,	56 85	
" Outfit furnished 11 volunteers,	28 69	
" J. B. Putnam, car fare,	1 25	
" D. Gowing, journey and expense,	4 80—	882 28
		<u>\$4881 04</u>

J. B. PUTNAM,	}	SELECTMEN
DANIEL GOWING,		OF
D. P. BRIGHAM,		WILMINGTON.

WILMINGTON, Feb 1, 1862.



## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. SWAIN, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF  
WILMINGTON, DR.

To cash at former settlement,	\$ 403 12	
“ due on tax list 1860,	780 33	
“ cash for Cemetery lot,	5 00	
“ recd. of State Treasurer School Fund,	31 98	
“ dog licenses,	3 00	
“ cash on Treasurer's note,	800 00	
“ tax list committed for 1861,	3181 05	
“ bills due from sundry persons,	175 61—	5380 09

### CREDIT.

By amount paid to order of Selectmen,	\$3841 59	
“ interest paid on town orders,	44 02	
“ paid State tax,	168 00	
“ “ County tax,	488 05	
“ interest on town note,	50 00	
“ amount due from former Collector,	44 90	
“ “ on tax list of 1861,	427 95	
“ bills from sundry persons due town,	68 53	
“ cash in treasury,	87 80	
“ amount discount allowed for prompt pay- ment of taxes,	159 25—	5380 09

### OUTSTANDING CLAIMS :—

Orders drawn by Selectmen,	\$956 71	
Due Center School,	18 00	
“ North “	57 00	
“ West “	60 25	
“ South “	64 00	
Amount carried forward,		<u>\$1155 96</u>

Amount brought forward,	\$1155 96
Amount of School Fund,	31 91
Interest on town note,	50 00
Notes bearing 6 per cent. interest,	2800 00
Claims for soldiers' bounty,	32 42
Bill due H. Pratt,	10 00— 4080 29

## AVAILABLE FUNDS:—

Amount of taxes uncollected,	\$427 95
Amount due from former Collector,	44 90
Bills against sundry persons,	68 53
Cash in treasury,	87 30
Due from State,	355 36— 984 54
Actual balance against the town,	<u>\$3095 75</u>

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WE the undersigned, duly authorized by the town, have this day examined the above account of C. W. Swain, Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and sufficiently vouched for.

LEMUEL C. EAMES, }  
 WM. H. CARTER, } COMMITTEE.  
 JONA. CARTER, 2d, }

WILMINGTON, Feb. 1, 1862.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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One more year in the history and working power of our Common School system has passed, and brings the inhabitants of the town to the point where again provision is to be made for the constantly recurring necessities of the future.

The close of the municipal year is an appropriate season to take a retrospective view of the past, and consider what improvement can be made for the elevation and prosperity of the town. The intellectual and moral condition of *children* and *youth*, present claims of the highest order upon the serious and candid attention of all ; for in this is seen and written an index, not only of the present general character of the people, but also what will be the characteristic state of society in years following, according to the present judicious and proper moral and intellectual culture of the young. Hence the solicitude and interest with which each term of the public schools is invested. It is, indeed, no merely personal or party affair. It involves, in no small sense, the future prosperity and happiness of our children, and alike the peace, the honor and safety of the community in all its varied material, social and governmental interests. In submitting, therefore, a detailed report of the progress and condition of the several public schools, your Committee cannot be insensible of the fact, that whatever we may declare respecting their success or failure, the real evidence and substance itself is with the people, who have been and are now interested in each particular instance, and consequently have to some extent formed their opinions according to the feeling and impulse of a more or less mature judgment, and viewed from many varied and different points of observation. Now the fruit and real merit of a successful school should not be limited to what is only and *alone* committed to memory, but is to be found



in the improved and enlarged mental capacities of the scholar, which secures to him the power of concentrated thought, by which only he can clearly comprehend the rules given for his guidance and properly apply them. Another important feature in the success of a school is to be found in the attention given to deportment and manners. Respectful deportment and genial manners on the part of children are bright ornaments in a school, which nothing else can supply, to which must be added the indispensable security coming from a keen moral sensibility which will enable them safely to discriminate between right and wrong in matters regulating their conduct one toward another. These particulars, which should mark the progress of our children's education, should not be ignored by indulgent parents, or lightly passed over by the simple flattery of the public voice.

The judicious teacher, who is alive to the actual interests that surround his position, will seek to implant in the mind of his scholar those essential elements which constitute the foundation of an elevating and progressive education. And here we can say, that it has been our good fortune to receive the services of teachers who have combined in a good degree the faculty for imparting instruction, and at the same time commanding deferential respect from their pupils. The general subordination witnessed in all our schools is gratifying, and meets the approval of the Committee. The progress made in all the branches taught throughout all the schools, has been encouraging; in some of them, we doubt if it ever has been surpassed.

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### Centre District School.

MRS. SARAH F. SLEEPER, Teacher, both terms.

Summer Term,—Whole number of scholars, 37.

“ “ Average attendance, 30.

Winter Term,—Whole number of scholars, 28.

“ “ Average attendance, 22.

Length of both terms, 6 3-5 months.

Mrs. SLEEPER possesses many natural qualities, united with a thorough education and much practical experience, which constitutes her a very efficient teacher. The government and arrangement of her school was excellent. Order in each class and in every department seemed to be easily maintained. On every occasion when the school was visited by the Committee, the scholars appeared studious and attentive, at the same time presenting an air of cheerfulness, life and activity which is always pleasant to witness. The closing examinations, which were well attended by the people of the district, showed a good degree of proficiency in the several branches taught. The Reading, especially, was much admired. Exercises in Composition and Declamation were very good, and added much to the interest of the occasion.

We would here call the attention of the people in this district to the condition of their school-room, hoping that they will see the necessity of giving it a more cheerful and neat appearance before the commencement of another term.

### **East District School.**

Mrs. E. B. PICKERING, Teacher, Summer Term.

Whole number of scholars, 36.

Average attendance, 28.

MISS REBECCA EAMES, Teacher, Winter Term.

Whole number of scholars, 39.

Average attendance, 25.

Length of both terms, 6 1-2 months.

Mrs. PICKERING engaged in her work with a knowledge of the difficulties with which a teacher has to contend, and therefore was not to be taken by surprise in the prosecution of the general duties of the school. Her success was most apparent with the classes in Geography, History, and the younger classes in Reading, all of which appeared well. The improvement made in Writing and Spelling was very good. There was not quite that attention given to Grammar and Arithmetic, particularly to the more advanced classes, that we should have been

glad to have seen. Still, considerable substantial improvement was gained.

The Winter term, under the skilful and wise direction of Miss EAMES, was productive of highly satisfactory results. The order was good and happily secured, making the relations between teacher and pupils evidently pleasant. The school manifested an unusual degree of *energy* and close application to study, which is highly creditable to teacher and scholars. Where this energy and application are found, there will be also a corresponding advancement, which is likely to be permanent. The closing examination, in the utter absence of any thing like mere show, was rendered throughout all its exercises very pleasant to the numerous and interested visitors in attendance, giving to *all* the idea that *thoroughness* and practical *utility* had been the successful and guiding motto of the teacher.

We much regret the unavoidable absence, on account of protracted sickness, of several generally punctual scholars, which accounts for the low average attendance during the term.

### West District School.

MISS H. JOSEPHINE SLEEPER, Teacher, Summer Term.

Whole number of scholars, 24.

Average attendance, 16.

MISS LUCY SINGLEY, Teacher, Winter Term.

Whole number of scholars, 26.

Average attendance, 20.

Length of both terms, 6 1-4 months.

MISS SLEEPER possesses good literary attainments, and entered upon the discharge of her duties as teacher under quite favorable circumstances. The order and quietness that characterized the school when visited by the Committee was, for the most part, pleasant and creditable. Her success and diligence was made very apparent at the final examination, in nearly all the exercises of the school. The classes were generally prompt, and gave good recitations. Reading, Spelling and Writing were

allowed to receive more care than many teachers are willing to devote to these valuable and important exercises, which produced results of no ordinary value to the scholars.

The Winter term, (not closed at the time of making up this report), under the care of Miss SINGLEY, we are happy to say is making good progress, and affords evidence of being a profitable school. It has received several visits from the Committee, and on each occasion we were satisfied that the school was managed with commendable prudence and dignity. The essential qualities of order and decorum were prominent.

### **South District School.**

MISS CAROLINE L. BRIGHAM, Teacher, both terms.

Summer Term,—Whole number of scholars, 40.

“ “ Average attendance, 34.

Winter Term,—Whole number of scholars, 43.

“ “ Average attendance, 35.

Length of both terms, 7 1-4 months.

MISS BRIGHAM has performed her duties as teacher of this school with distinguished ability. Proof of her diligence and faithfulness is seen in each class of her school. The government was good, and the whole arrangement displayed much judgment and prudence. The improvement was great, and highly gratifying to all. It is seldom we see a school where the interest and advancement is so uniform through the classes. Miss B.'s reputation as a judicious and successful teacher, has been well established by the experience of several successive years of labor in our schools with marked success and general approbation. And yet, no year in the history of her teaching has been attended, as it appears to us, with so cheering and brilliant results as the last.



### North District School.

MISS NANCY D. HARNDEN, Teacher, both terms.

Summer Term,—Whole number of scholars, 47.

“ “ Average attendance, 40.

Winter Term,—Whole number of scholars, 34.

“ “ Average attendance, 29.

Length of both terms, 7 months.

MISS HARNDEN was industrious and unwearied in her exertions to advance her scholars in each particular branch of study. She succeeded very well in governing the school, and securing the confidence and general respect of her scholars, and seemed to manage the school with much caution and kindness. Many of the classes have gone over considerable ground; some of them appeared well at the close of the Summer term. The Reading and Spelling was indeed very creditable. The examination was well attended by parents and friends, and in many respects was quite interesting, although we regret to say there was not that *point* of accuracy and thoroughness that should be expected.

The Winter term, when visited by the Committee, has appeared to show a degree of activity and courage that was hopeful. The final examination in several points was respectable. The recitations in History, Geography and Arithmetic indicated several good scholars. Writing, Spelling and Defining were evidently attended to with profit. Several Compositions read by the scholars, were written in very good taste, and showed thought. But still, in several cases there was *not* that fixedness of purpose and thoughtful attention given to the studies, that is absolutely necessary to insure a rich reward.

### GENERAL REMARKS.

It is a noticeable and gratifying fact, that during the past year the average attendance has largely increased beyond that of last year, and all the School Registers show a less number of marks indicating tardiness, which is highly complimentary.



One hundred and eighty different scholars have been connected with our public schools the past year. Although all have not progressed as we would have desired, yet each scholar stands to-day at a higher intellectual point than ever before, of course varying with each individual. But who can measure the *advance* made? Can mere monetary terms express it? Can we *calculate* the advantage gained to these scores of youthful minds, by the reception of these newly-acquired ideas or enlarged faculties for further improvement? Let the children know, then, that the coming years' studies are to be easier and pleasanter for every obstacle overcome in the past, remembering that by continued exertion positions of eminence and honorable usefulness may be attained. Let parents, with a wise and unabated liberality support these schools, cheered by sentiments of noble Patriotism and genuine Progress.

Whoever considers Education in the light of cause and effect, cannot fail to see the necessity of making it conform to the wants of practical life. Observation and experience proclaim the folly and danger of cultivating the intellect to the neglect of the moral qualities. It is indispensably needful that *these* should be united and harmoniously trained and cultivated together, in order to produce a permanent character, that will be in the highest sense honorable to the person and useful to society.

A sense of personal responsibility—a sacred regard for Truth in connection with all the cardinal virtues—should ever be infused into the youthful mind and heart by kind precept and alluring example, which would have a most decisive effect in preventing *crime* and elevating the *tone* of public morals. Nor should the minor virtues of gentleness, patience, and deferential regard to elders or superiors—a ready seeking of others' welfare—be lost sight of.

It is also scarcely less necessary that the young be imbued with the practical idea in themselves of usefulness; that *manual labor* even for them is not degrading but elevating, and

possesses true dignity ; that society requires of each the practice of intelligent industry, economy and frugality, and cheerfully to perform, in some proper calling, his part in providing the means of honest and honorable subsistence, guarding with jealous care *against* the approach of intemperance, indolence, and kindred vices.

An occasional *word* from a beloved teacher to his pupil, in regard to duties and dangers,\*spoken in kindness at the appropriate time, may be thoughtfully received and remembered with good and enduring results. Therefore, let teachers be selected who have a practical understanding of the nature of their work, and will labor with calm self-possession and firmness to cultivate and develope *all* the ennobling faculties and powers which adorn the human mind and character.

Teachers who have been tried and proved successful, should not be set aside for any merely personal or petty consideration. Experiments in this matter are too often attended with serious and sad consequences. Let, then, experienced and thoughtful teachers be obtained for our schools, if possible, for *such* we need.

It is however, obvious, that sometimes the young and inexperienced *must begin* their experiment, as others before them have begun ; but in all such cases, we respectfully suggest, the compensation should be *less* than that paid for those who have been proved skilful and competent.

With pride we remember that Wilmington has furnished many eminently successful teachers for other towns, and we suggest the propriety of availing ourselves of native talent when it can be obtained equally as well.

In closing this report we can but express, in behalf of the schools, the hope that for the coming year the people of the town and districts will act wisely in reference to this matter—that genuine benevolence and true friendship may characterize all their *efforts* in behalf of the young—knowing that they are not only acting for the present, but also for the future.

All of which is most respectfully submitted to the consideration of the inhabitants of Wilmington.

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	}	SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
WARREN EAMES,		
GEORGE GOWING,		

WILMINGTON, FEB. 1, 1862.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON

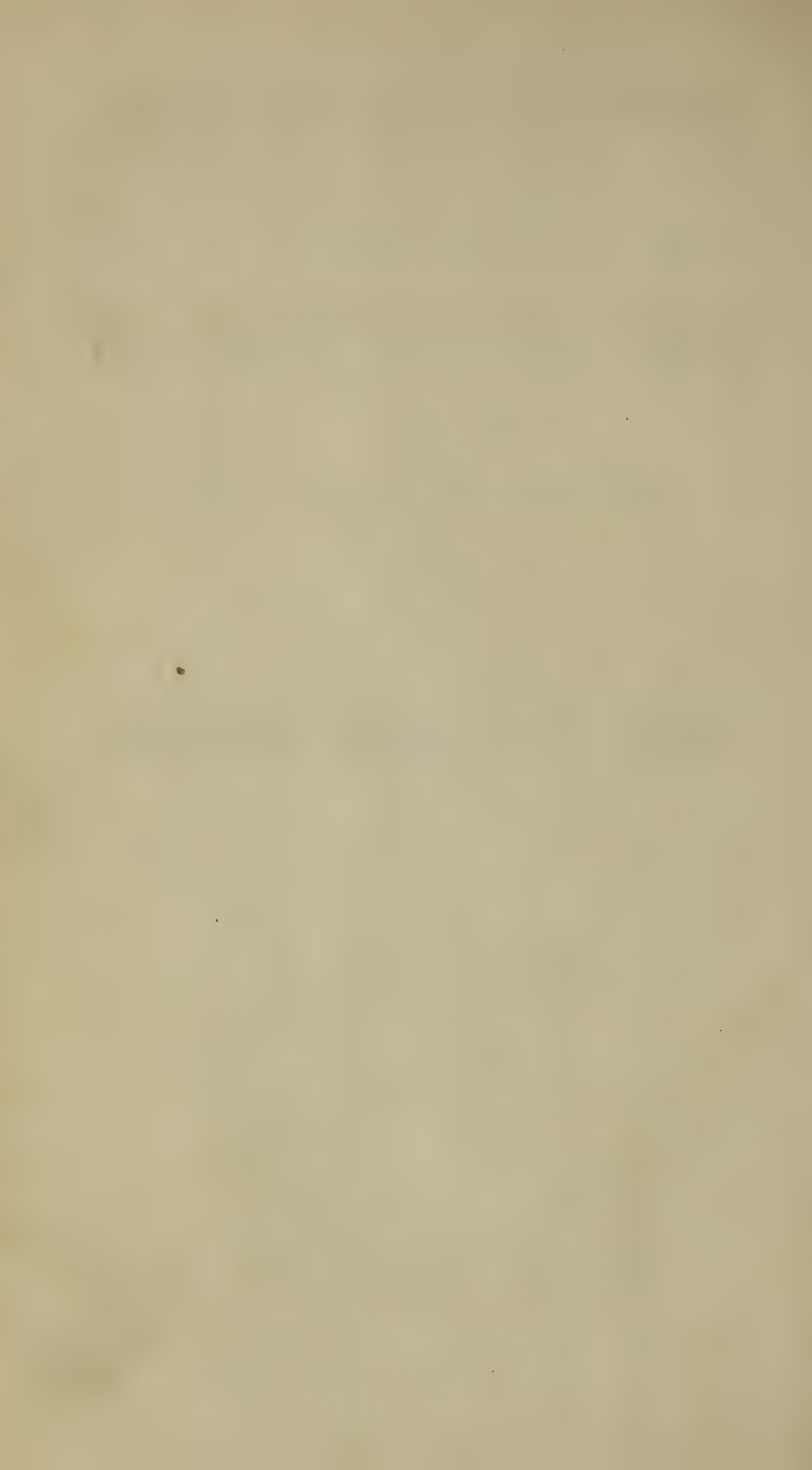
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AND THE  
Report of the School Committee

FOR THE  
SCHOOL-YEAR 1862-3.

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## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### *Names and Ages of the Inmates of the Alms-house:—*

Lydia Emerson,	85 years.
Nancy Alexander,	74 "
Frederick Butters,	67 "
Alvah Buck,	63 "
Lucy Alexander,	59 "
Louisa Burt,	58 "
Mary Harnden,	77 "
Fanny Butters,	22 "
Loammi Boutwell,	83 "
Caleb Nichols,	53 "
Albert Carter,	43 "

Present number, 11

Average " 10 $\frac{1}{4}$

85 Lodgings, and 210 Meals, have been furnished poor strangers.

### *Expense at the Alms-house:—*

Paid for grain and meal,	\$85 86
" flour,	66 18
" molasses,	19 72
" sugar,	21 05
Amount carried forward,	<u>\$192 81</u>

Amount brought forward,	\$192 81	
Paid for tea and coffee,	21 50	
“ boots and shoes,	9 34	
“ clothing and bedding,	46 46	
“ household furniture,	25 51	
“ farming tools,	19 35	
“ beans, salt and fish,	22 21	
“ grass seed and oats,	9 81	
“ medicine snuff and tobacco,	8 26	
“ cream tartar and saleratus,	2 44	
“ rice, cheese and vinegar,	4 88	
“ oil, soap and nails,	19 75	
“ bakers' bread and spices,	12 64	
“ salt pork,	16 86	
“ fresh meat,	65 45	
“ physicians' bill,	6 25	
“ blacksmithing,	14 31	
“ sawing lumber,	9 15	
“ four shoats,	18 00	
“ three cows,	49 00	
“ labor,	31 37	
“ repairs on buildings,	29 92	
“ horse hire,	4 00	
“ miscellaneous expenses,	12 62	
“ J. R. Nickles, salary as sup't,	31 48	
“ Jacob U. Parker, salary as sup't ten months,	145 83—	829 20

## CREDIT.

By two cows sold,	\$44 30	
“ three calves sold,	15 52	
“ butter and milk sold,	32 46	
“ lard and eggs	5 62	
Amount carried forward,	\$97 90	\$829 20

Amount brought forward,	\$97 90	\$829 20
By potatoes and squashes sold,	18 95	
“ hay sold,	11 00	
“ wood and lumber sold,	56 93	
“ old brick, iron, &c., sold,	5 52	
“ labor of superintendent and team,	87 77—	278 07
Net expense,		<u>\$551 13</u>

*Expense of the Poor out of the Alms-house:—*

Supplies furnished Simeon Butters,	\$18 89	
“ R. Butters,	4 25	
“ Mrs. A. S. Wilcox and family,	144 09	
“ Mrs. John A. Allen and family,	105 50	
Paid Town of Woburn for supplies furnished Mrs. Ann B. Burt,	8 00—	280 73
Total Expense of the Poor,		<u>\$831 86</u>
Nichols, Winn & Co.’s bill for groceries for last year,		<u>28 31</u>
		<u>\$860 17</u>

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	}	OVERSEERS
HENRY SHELDON,		OF
		POOR.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 1st, 1863.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Orders drawn for Expenses of the Poor, \$860 17

*Services of Town Officers:—*

William H. Carter, as Town Clerk,	\$15 00
“ “ recording 13 deaths,	4 00
“ “ “ 21 births,	2 60
“ “ “ 7 marriages,	70
“ “ postage and stationery,	1 00
“ “ journey to Billerica to qualify Representative,	2 00— 25 30
Lemuel C. Eames as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor and Assessor,	50 00
George Gowing, do., do., do.,	40 00
Henry Sheldon, do., do., do.,	30 00—120 00
Charles W. Swain, as Treasurer and Col- lector,	50 00
Levi Swain, Jr., as Constable,	12 70
A. P. Pearson, “	7 50— 20 20
Warren Eames, as School Committee;	20 00
George Gowing, “	12 00
L. C. Eames, “	10 00— 42 00
William H. Carter, auditing Town Treas- urer's acceptances,	2 00
L. C. Eames, do., do.,	2 00
Cyrus L. Carter, do., do.,	2 00— 6 00
Amount carried forward,	\$1123 67

Amount brought forward,

\$1123 67

*Expense of Roads :—*

William Boutwell, breaking out roads,	\$ 3 75	
Otis C. Buck,	" "	8 55
G. W. Slack,	" "	8 25
Lorenzo Butters,	" "	6 50
Newton George,	" "	2 00
N. E. Buck,	" "	13 58
Alanson Jaquith,	" "	5 70
Horace Sheldon,	" "	14 03— 62 36

*Amount of Highway Deficiencies, 1861 :—*

Paid Rich Carter,	8 37	
" Warren Eames,	4 59	
" Solon L. Johnson,	4 19	
" William Boutwell,	18 00	
" Levi Reynolds,	9 98	
" John French,	10 74	
" H. B. Nichols,	1 73	
" Charles Hopkins,	10 00	
" Lorenzo Butters,	9 58	
" Newton George,	8 69	
" Ambrose Upton,	8 50	
" Charles W. Swain,	7 65— 102 02	

*Distribution of School Money :—*

North School District,	\$150 00	
South " "	150 00	
Centre " "	150 00	
East " "	150 00	
West " "	150 00— 750 00	

Amount carried forward,

\$2038 05



Amount brought forward, \$2038 05

*Miscellaneous Expenses :—*

Paid Town of Billerica for stone monuments,	4 00	
“ Repairing old grave-yard fence,	6 76	
“ for guide boards,	4 58	
“ John N. Eames for ringing bell,	15 00	
“ for use of Vestry to March 1st, '63,	25 00	
“ C. Morrill, making return of deaths to Town Clerk,	2 00	
“ Nathan Buck, for gravel for highways,	3 00	
“ for printing town reports,	22 00	
“ for perambulating Town lines,	3 50	
“ S. B. Nichols, as superintendent of cemetery,	3 00	
“ express fees and printing,	5 00	
“ for school books,	1 14	
“ Dr. B. Cutter, for examination of ex- empts,	14 00	
Abatement on Tax List, 1861,	27 30	
“ “ “ 1862,	23 19—	159 47

*Bounty Paid Soldiers for Enlisting in the United States Army for the term of Three Years :—*

David G. Pearce,*	\$110 00	
Timothy D. Upton,*	110 00	
Thomas B. Flagg,*	110 00	
George T. Eames,*	110 00	
Albert Brown,*	110 00	
James H. Swain,	150 00	
Andrew J. Cobb,	150 00	
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Amount carried forward,	\$850 00	\$2197 52

\* Forty dollars more due to each.

Amount brought forward,	\$850 00	\$2197 52
Frank F. Abbott,	150 00	
Horace E. Stone,	150 00	
Benjamin F. Upton,	150 00	
Patrick Phillips,	150 00	
Arthur W. Carr,	150 00	
Hugh Murray,	200 00—	1800 00

*For Nine Months' Service:—*

Levi Swain, Jr.,	150 00	
Russell Upton,	150 00	
Charles Gowing,	150 00	
Otis Harnden,	150 00	
Henry L. Bancroft,	150 00	
Daniel N. Pearson,	150 00	
John A. Trull,	150 00	
William Fortis,	150 00	
Edmund D. Pearson,	150 00	
Ambrose Upton,	150 00	
Gayton Gowing,	150 00	
Edwin Blanchard,	150 00	
James P. Morton,	150 00	
George O. Pearson,	150 00	
Daniel W. Case,	150 00	
George Bancroft,	150 00	
Joseph Morton,	150 00	
Henry W. Eames,	150 00	
John L. Howard,	150 00	
George Mulligan,	150 00—	3000 00

*For First Volunteers:—*

To the order of James T. Edmands,	30 00	
“ “ Theodore S. Butters,	30 00—	60 00
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$7057 52

Amount brought forward,

\$7057 52

*Aid Furnished to the Families of the following Volunteers in the United States Army to Feb. 1st, 1863 :—*

Thomas A. Bancroft,	\$144 00	
James Hale,	144 00	
Hiram Pierson,	56 00	
Josiah Batchelder,	154 72	
George Chase,*	52 00	
Elbridge G. Taylor,	33 00	
Charles A. Nichols,	9 00	
Timothy D. Upton,*	23 14	
George T. Eames,	74 00	
David G. Pearce,	75 00	
William Fortis,	52 40	
Russell Upton,	37 40	
Andrew J. Cobb,	68 80	
Edmund D. Pearson,	18 70	
Edward Blanchard.	32 00	
Otis Harnden,*	15 28	
Charles Gowing,	12 00	
Hugh Murray,	46 00	
James P. Morton,	52 40	
Levi Swain, Jr.,	52 40	
George O. Pearson,	52 40	
Ambrose Upton,	52 40	
John White,	73 00	
John L. Howard,	37 40	
Henry L. Bancroft,	18 70	
Daniel N. Pearson,	37 12	
William D. Allen, (Navy,)	30 00—	1453 26
Amount carried forward,		<u>\$8510 78</u>

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\* Aid for January is unpaid.

Amount brought forward,	\$8510 78
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Due from the State for Aid furnished	
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Families of Volunteers from Jan.	
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1st, 1862, to Jan. 1st. 1863,	1239 38
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Total Expenditures for the year,	\$7271 40
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LEMUEL C. EAMES,	} SELECTMEN OF
HENRY SHELDON,	
	} WILMINGTON,

WILMINGTON, Feb. 1st, 1863.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

*CHARLES W. SWAIN, Treasurer and Collector, in account  
with the Town of Wilmington.*

1863,

DR.

Feb. 17—To cash in Treasury on former settle-	
ment,	\$ 87 80
“ balance due from former Treasurer,	44 90
“ “ “ on Tax List, 1861,	427 95
“ amount of Tax List committed, '62,	3957 50
“ “ Centre School District	
Tax, 1862,	103 76
“ amount of bills due from sundry	
persons,	68 53
“ cash borrowed of sundry persons,	
for which the Treasurer's note	
was given,	7360 00
“ cash received of State Treasurer,	
State School Fund,	32 89
“ cash received of State, as State Aid	
to Volunteers,	314 94
“ cash received for Cemetery Lots,	32 00
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	\$12,430 27



*( Treasurer's Report, continued. )*

1863.	CR.	
Feb. 17—By cash paid	Bounty to Volunteers,	\$4860 00
" " "	Town Orders,	4117 17
" " "	State Tax for 1862,	1008 00
" " "	County Tax " "	414 20
" " "	Interest on Town Orders,	43 15
" " "	" " Notes,	163 00
" " "	Principal on " "	537 00
"	Amount of Discount allowed for the prompt payment of Taxes,	216 85
"	Cash paid Centre School Dist. Tax,	100 00
" " "	Mass. School Fund,	45 09
"	Amount due on Tax List, 1860,	40 40
" " "	" " 1861,	132 21
" " "	" " 1862,	480 62
" " "	sundry bills,	34 78
" " "	of cash in hands of Treas'r,	237 80
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		\$12,430 27

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

J. L. Carter's note, dated June 4th, 1858,	\$1000 00
Mrs. Phebe M. Nichols' note,	1000 00
John Johnson's (Guardian) note, dated Aug. 21, 1861,	300 00
Darius Buck's note, dated April 1st, 1862,	300 00
Mrs. H. L. Carter's note, May 3rd, 1862,	700 00
"      "      "      June 12th, "	500 00
Mrs. Lucy E. Eames' "      July 29th, "	100 00
B. T. Upton's "      Aug. 6th, "	140 00
Benjamin Buck's "      " 7th, "	1000 00
"      "      "      " 7th, "	1000 00
Balance on A. J. Cobb's "      " 8th, "	63 00
Jonathan L. Carter's "      " 22d, "	500 00
Jonathan Carter's "      " 23d, "	200 00
Levi Reynolds' "      " 25th, "	300 00
Miss Abigail Burnap, 2d, "      " 27th, "	350 00
Mrs. Abigail Burnap's "      " 27th, "	670 00
George Bancroft's "      Sept. 27th, "	100 00
H. W. Eames' "      " " "	100 00
Gayton Gowing's "      Oct. 22d, "	150 00
Miss Abigail Burnap, 2d, "      " 28th, "	150 00
J. L. Carter's "      Dec. 1st, "	500 00
"      "      Jan. 1st, 1863,	300 00
"      "      " 31st, "	200 00
Town Orders outstanding,	663 10
Due East, South and West School Districts,	20 71
" South School District, Town Appropriation,	75 00
" George Gowing's estate,	52 00
Balance of salary to J. U. Parker,	75 00
Bounties due Volunteers,	200 00
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	\$10,708 81

## Present Available Assets of the Town.

Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	\$237 80
Amount of Taxes due on Tax List of 1860,	40 40
“ “ “ “ 1861,	132 21
“ “ “ “ 1862,	480 62
Due from the State for Aid advanced to the families of Volunteers to the first of January, 1863,	1239 38
Amount due on sundry bills,	34 78
	<hr/> \$2165 19
Net balance against the town,	\$8543 62

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WE the undersigned, duly authorized by the town, have this day examined the above account of CHARLES W. SWAIN, Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and sufficiently vouched for.

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	}	COMMITTEE.
WM. H. CARTER,		
C. L. CARTER,		

WILMINGTON, Feb. 17th, 1863.

R E P O R T  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
FOR THE SCHOOL-YEAR 1862-3.

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We congratulate the citizens of Wilmington on the success that has attended their schools during the past year. Although none of them have been perfect, yet we think in all some improvement has been made.

Your Committee have watched with deep interest whatever has seemed to advance or retard the cause of education, well knowing that the efforts of the present must affect the state of society hereafter in no slight degree.

The Summer Schools were all well attended, and generally showed a degree of prosperity which favorably impressed the Committee and led them to entertain high hopes for the Winter Term.

### Centre District School.

MISS A. FRANCES CARTER, Teacher, both terms.

Summer Term—Whole number of scholars, 36.

“ “ Average attendance, 27.

Winter Term—Whole number of scholars, 32.

“ “ Average attendance, 27.

Length of both terms,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  months.

Miss Carter, although young and inexperienced, labored to promote the best interests of her school. She succeeded in gaining the affection of her pupils, and in several of the branches taught, good progress was made. The classes in Reading appeared well, and in Penmanship there was a decided improvement. The moral training of the school was very good. But a firmer discipline and more thoroughness are necessary to insure perfect success.

### South District School.

MISS CAROLINE L. BRIGHAM, Teacher, Summer Term.

Whole number of scholars, 30.

Average attendance, 25.

MISS SARAH P. BRIGHAM, Teacher, Winter Term.

Whole number of scholars, 33.

Average attendance, 22.

Length of both terms,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  months.

Miss Brigham fully sustained her former high repu-



tation. Under her mild and judicious government the school progressed harmoniously and prosperously. The latter part of the term was interrupted by the illness of the teacher, but the closing examination was very satisfactory.

Miss Sarah Brigham taught the Winter Term and acquitted herself commendably. She possesses good qualifications and promises to become one of our best teachers.

### West District School.

MISS LUCY TINGLEY, Teacher, both terms.

Summer Term—Whole number of scholars, 27.

“ “ Average attendance, 22.

Winter Term—Whole number of scholars, 27.

“ “ Average attendance, 20.

Length of both terms,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  months.

Miss Tingley seemed faithful and energetic in the discharge of her duties. Whenever visited by the Committee, and at the closing examination, the school appeared well. The order was very good. The different classes in Grammar, and the lower classes in Arithmetic, passed a good examination. The more advanced classes in Arithmetic did not exhibit that proficiency which we desire to see.

### North District School.

MISS CHARLOTTE K. GOWING, Teacher, both terms.

Summer Term—Whole number of scholars, 44.

“ “ Average attendance, 38.

Winter Term—Whole number of scholars, 35.

“ “ Average attendance, 33.

Length of both terms,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  months.

We are happy to notice a great improvement in Miss Gowing's mode of teaching. Her labors were characterized by more energy and thoroughness, and under her care the school made good progress. The Summer examination was very good. The Winter Term was interrupted by sickness and death, still we think a very commendable degree of improvement was attained.

### East District School.

MISS REBECCA EAMES, Teacher, both terms.

Summer Term—Whole number of scholars, 34.

“ “ Average attendance, 31.

Winter Term—Whole number of scholars, 38.

“ “ Average attendance, 32.

Length of both terms,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  months.

Miss Eames has a happy faculty of imparting instruction. Possessed of a well cultivated mind and mature judgment, her pupils could not fail to make rapid and thorough progress. Miss Eames receives the hearty approval of the Committee for her services.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

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Before closing our report we would call attention to some errors in our present system of education, which if remedied would tend to elevate its standard. The great defect in all our schools is a want of *thoroughness*. There is little in our present course of instruction calculated to develope the sound thinkers of former times. The pupil is inclined to measure his improvement not by the amount of practical knowledge obtained, but the number of pages passed over, and not unfrequently when asked for a reason, replies, that "my teacher," or the "book, says so."

There is connected with our schools a number of youth whose educational privileges will be limited to the district school, and these, if properly improved, will afford sufficient knowledge for the ordinary affairs of life. Many of these youth could repeat correctly one of Webster's or Everett's orations, but would be wholly at a loss if called upon to assess the tax on a certain amount of real estate, or to compute the interest on a six months' note. This ought not so to be. While we would not underrate the former, we would have the latter assume its proper place and receive its due share of attention. It is for the interest of the community

as well as the individual, for these youth are coming forward to take the place of their fathers, who are passing away.

In order to remedy this it is desirable to employ teachers who are qualified for the work. We frequently hear the remark that no special qualifications are necessary to instruct a primary school, that a person of moderate attainments is all that is required. This is a most erroneous mistake, and one that is fatal to the best interests of education. Primary teachers occupy a position second to none but the parents, as it is for them to lay the foundation on which the future education is to be based. We would have the work entrusted to no unprincipled mercenary, but to those who understand and appreciate the responsibility of their office.

In this connection we would speak of the indifference manifested by many of the parents in regard to the mental training of the children. In this age of republican institutions there can be no excuse for a child growing up in ignorance, and it can be looked upon as little less than actual crime. Our schools are open to all, and the poor as well as the affluent may avail themselves of the same privileges. But we regret to acknowledge that there are in our town, parents so blinded to their own interests and the future well being of their children, that they allow them to wander about at will, rather than have them subjected to the wholesome restraints of the school-room. Many leave it optional with their children when to attend school, and on a slight pretext permit them to leave entirely. If this difficulty can be met in no other way, the *law* should be put



in force, or in future years we shall be obliged to solicit its protection from these same lawless pupils. In looking over our school registers we find the list of tardy and absent marks surprisingly large. Parents do not realize what a serious hindrance it is to a school to have pupils irregular in their attendance. It is annoying to the prompt, order loving scholars, and discouraging to the teachers, who can but feel that they have little sympathy in their arduous labors. Teachers need the co-operation of the parents, their work goes hand in hand, and neither can fully succeed unless there be harmony between them. They should manifest their interest by visiting the schools and ascertain what progress is being made, and when injurious reports arise it is best to bear in mind that all questions have two sides, and suspend their decision until both have had an impartial hearing.

One more suggestion and we close. We regret that there is so little attention paid to manners and morals in our schools. As we pass our school-houses we are shocked by the profane and disrespectful language of even the little ones, and we sigh for the days of yore, when "Young America" was a term unknown. This is owing partly to the parents, who do not enforce lessons of respect as formerly, and partly to the teachers, who in too many instances do not look upon it as their duty. Hence we urge the employment of persons of good moral and religious training, those who understand their duty to their pupils and their God, who will strive to create in them a taste for whatever is pure and lovely and will inculcate such principles as



will fit them honorably and well to discharge all the duties of life.

.     WARREN EAMES, } SCHOOL  
       L. C. EAMES,    } COMMITTEE.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 18th, 1863.



# RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

OF THE

# TOWN OF WILMINGTON

FROM FEB. 1, 1863, TO FEB. 1, 1864;

AND THE

## Report of the School Committee

FOR THE

SCHOOL-YEAR 1863-4.

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## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### *Names and Ages of the Inmates of the Alms-house:—*

Lydia Emerson,	86 years.
Nancy Alexander,	75 “
Frederick Butters,	68 “
Alvah Buck,*	64 “
Lucy Alexander,	60 “
Louisa Burtt,	59 “
Mary Harnden,	78 “
Fanny Butters,	23 “
Loami Boutwell,†	83 “
Albert Carter,	44 “
Caleb Nichols,	54 “

Present number, 9

Average “ 9½

50 Lodgings, and 127 Meals have been furnished poor strangers.

\*Died May 26th, 1863.

†Died Dec. 21, 1863.

### *Expenses at the Alms-house:—*

Paid for grain and meal,	\$143 03
“ tea and coffee,	29 93
“ sugar,	25 10
“ salt, beans and fish,	32 38
“ flour,	69 00

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Amount carried forward, \$299 44



Amount brought forward,	\$299 44	
<b>Paid</b> for molasses,	25 62	
“ soap,	17 24	
“ furniture,	42 62	
“ oil and vinegar,	9 10	
“ hardware and nails,	5 62	
“ farming tools,	26 75	
“ cream tartar and saleratus,	8 57	
“ tobacco and snuff,	5 91	
“ medicines,	7 20	
“ cheese and rice,	6 59	
“ apples and cider,	7 15	
“ grass seed,	7 32	
“ clothing,	51 01	
“ horse hire,	10 31	
“ fresh meat,	50 83	
“ spices,	4 46	
“ baker's bread and peas,	9 59	
“ labor on farm,	35 29	
“ blacksmith,	9 37	
“ 3 pigs,	26 60	
“ 2 cows,	65 00	
“ pair of oxen,	110 00	
“ pasturing 2 cows,	7 75	
“ miscellaneous,	12 02	
“ medicine and medical attendance,	6 50	
“ funeral expenses Alvah Buck,	11 00	
“ “ “ Loami Boutwell,	12 00	
“ J. U. Parker, salary as superin- tendent 12 months,	195 84—	1086 68
Amount carried forward,		<u>\$1086 68</u>

Amount brought forward, \$1086 68

## CREDIT.

By slabs sold,	\$ 6 00	
“ maple lumber,	6 25	
“ fresh pork,	7 45	
“ potatoes and lard,	30 32	
“ pigs,	45 50	
“ lumber used in repairing house,	45 00	
“ wood and lumber sold,	113 98	
“ calves,	13 40	
“ milk and butter,	30 79	
“ hay and straw,	7 28	
“ soap grease,	86	
“ beef,	7 00	
“ tallow,	2 45	
“ cow hide,	5 28	
“ putty,	50	
“ eggs,	1 81	
“ berries,	3 01	
“ labor of sup't and team,	142 37	
“ 1 pair of oxen,	175 00—	644 25
Net expense,		<u>\$442 43</u>

*Expense of the Poor out of the Alms-house:—*

Supplies furnished Mrs. Wilcox during the months of Feb., March and April,	21 20	
Do., do., in June,	10 00	
Wood furnished in Feb., March and April,	13 75	
Medical attendance in June and January,	19 00	
Funeral expenses of child,	6 13—	70 08
Amount carried forward,		<u>\$512 51</u>

Amount brought forward,		\$512 51
Supplies furnished R. Butters in March,	4 00	
“ Mrs. Chapman in June,	8 00	
“ Mrs. John A. Allen in		
Jan., Feb. & March,	26 00	
“ Caleb Nichols,	6 00	
Paid Town of Woburn for supplies furnished Mrs. Ann B. Burt,	12 72	
Funeral expenses of Richard H. Johnson,	11 75	
Paid Town of Reading for expenses incurred for support of Wm. E. Richardson at the State Lunatic Asylum, Worcester,	54 22—	122 69
Total expense of the Poor,		<u>\$635 20</u>

*Expense of Repairs upon Alms-house in taking down and re-building Chimney and finishing the Attic :*

Paid for brick,	36 75	
“ iron work,	7 22	
“ lime and cement,	25 65	
“ Jas. Fraser for labor,	85 40	
“ Jas. Randall “	72 33	
“ laths,	10 84	
“ windows, thimbles & boiler doors,	7 81	
“ tending masons,	4 50	
“ nails and lumber,	14 55	
“ paints,	7 65	
“ sundries,	3 75	
“ Mr. Cutler, labor and iron door,	16 62	
Lumber taken from farm,	45 00—	338 07
Total expense of Alms-house Department,		<u>\$973 17</u>

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	} OVERSEERS OF POOR.
CYRUS L. CARTER,	
J. B. PUTNAM,	

WILMINGTON, Feb. 1st, 1863.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Orders drawn for Expenses of the Poor, \$973 17

*Services of Town Officers—*

Paid Wm. H. Carter, as Town Clerk,	15 00	
"          for recording deaths,	4 20	
"          "          births,	2 00	
"          "          marigs.,	50	
"          journey to Billerica		
to canvas election returns for		
representative,	2 00—	23 70
Lemuel C. Eames, as Selectmen, Ov-		
erseer of the Poor and Assessor,	75 00	
Cyrus L. Carter, do., do., do.,	75 00	
Joseph B. Putnam, do., do., do.,	30 00—	180 00
Charles W. Swain, as Treasurer and		
Collector,		75 00
A. P. Pearson, as Constable,		22 00
Samuel H. Tolman, as School Com.,	15 00	
Lemuel C. Eames,          "	10 00—	25 00
Wm. H. Carter, auditing Town Treas-		
urer's account,	2 00	
Lemuel C. Eames, do., do.,	2 00	
Cyrus L. Carter, do., do.,	2 00—	6 00
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Expense of Town Officers,		\$331 70

*Expenses of Roads and Bridges—*

Paid Thos. P. Eames, breaking roads, 1862,	5 25	
Otis Carter,          "          "	13 50	
Jacob Jaquith,          "          1863,	3 00—	21 75
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Amount brought forward,		\$1326 62

Amount brought forward,		\$1326 62
Paid Jonathan Buck, work on Jenkins'		
bridge,	10 00	
Sylvester Carter, build'g stone bridge,	30 00	
Otis Jaquith, breaking roads, 1862,	6 60	
Estate of Wm. Blanchard for gravel,		
1863,	7 50	
Walter Blanchard, for gravel and la-		
bor,	4 59—	80 44

*Amount of Highway Deficiency, 1862—*

Paid Sylvester Carter,	40	
Horatio N. Eames,	11 47	
D. P. Brigham,	7 78	
Willard Page,	15 22	
Simeon Jaquith,	17 81	
Jacob Jaquith,	5 04	
Kingsbury G. Kaine,	11 59	
J. B. Morris,	24 02	
William Bryant,	20 77—	114 10

*Distribution of School Money—*

Paid North School District,	150 00	
South           “	150 00	
Centre         “	150 00	
East*         “	150 00	
West           “	150 00—	750 00

Amount carried forward, \$2271 16

\* \$50.00 due the district.



Amount brought forward, \$2271 16

*Miscellaneous Expenses—*

Paid John N. Eames, for Ringing bill,	25 00	
C. Morrill, for return of deaths to Town Clerk,	3 00	
For use of Vestry for town purposes,	25 00	
Printing Town Expenses,	26 00	
Note and Blank Books,	3 75	
Printing and express charges,	6 56	
Revenue Stamps,	3 15	
Stationery,	2 74	
Record Books,	15 67	
Abatement of Taxes, 1861,	4 70	
“ “ 1862,	3 70	
“ “ 1863,	17 26	
C. Morrell for sleigh runners for hearse,	15 00	
J. B. Putnam for ironing do.	16 00—	167 53

*Outstanding Bills of last year—*

A. P. Pearson, bill for services as Con- stable 6 months,	7 50	
Dexter Carter, for meat, Alms-house,	39 97—	47 47

*Aid Furnished to the Families of the fol-  
lowing Volunteers in the United States,  
Army to Feb. 1st, 1864—*

A. J. Cobb,	144 00	
Simeon Jaquith, 2d,	52 00	
Russell Upton	71 60	
Daniel N. Pearson,	59 12	
Amount carried forward,	\$326 72	\$2486 16

Amount brought forward,	\$326 72	\$2486 16
J. O. Carter,	52 00	
David G. Pierce,	144 00	
John White,	48 00	
George N. Chase,	40 00	
Levi Swain, jr.,	81 60	
Timothy D. Upton,	56 00	
Otis Harnden,	33 56	
Hiram Pearson,	52 00	
Thomas A. Bancroft,	144 00	
Edmund D. Pearson,	29 56	
James Hale,	132 00	
John H. Simpson,	4 00	
John L. Howard,	59 12	
Jas. H. Swain,	56 00	
George T. Eames,	144 00	
William Fortis,	81 60	
Josiah Batchelder, jr.,	132 00	
Hugh Murray,	78 28	
George O. Pearson,	144 00	
Ambrose Upton,	81 60	
Henry L. Bancroft,	29 56	
Edwin Blanchard,	59 12	
Jas. P. Morton,	81 60—	2090 32
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		\$4,576 48

Due from the State for Aid furnished

Families of Volunteers from Jan.

1st, 1863, to Jan. 1st, 1864,

2108 41

Total Expenditure for the year,

\$2468 07

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	}	SELECTMEN
CYRUS L. CARTER,		OF
J. B. PUTNAM,		WILMINGTON.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 13th, 1864.

## LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

DR.

Cash paid for liquors,	\$124 85	
Transportation of same,	1 31	
Commission and analyzing,	11 16	
Government license,	20 00	
Measures and tunnels,	1 57	
Kegs, faucets, corks and blank books,	8 49	
Agent's salary 8 months,	16 67	
Cash to balance,	53 42—	237 47

CR.

By town orders,	\$151 43	
Cash for liquors sold,	86 04—	237 47

S. B. NICHOLS, AGENT.

*Balance Sheet of Town Liquor Agency.*

DR.

To amount of town orders for purchase of liquors,	\$151 43
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CR.

By balance due from Agent,	\$53 43	
Stock of liquor and fixtures on hand,	57 64	
Loss,	40 36—	151 43

## CHARLES W. SWAIN, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR,

1864,

Dr.

Feb. 13—To cash in hands of Treasurer on former settlement,	\$ 237 80
Balance due on Tax list, 1860,	40 40
“ “ 1861,	132 21
“ “ 1862,	480 62
Amount of Tax list committed, 1863,	6438 36
Cash borrowed of sundry persons for which the town's note was given,	11,357 87
Cash received of State Treasurer on account of Bounty Tax,	3300 00
Cash received of State Treasurer on account of Aid furnished the families of volunteers,	1230 26
Cash received for Licenses of Dogs,	28 00
“ of State Treasurer, State School Fund,	33 62
“ on Taxes heretofore abated,	5 45
Amount of bills due from sundry persons,	34 78
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	\$23,319 37

## IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON.

1864,	Cr.	
Feb. 13—By cash paid town's notes,		\$12,801 87
Paid arrearages of Bounties,		230 00
Interest on town orders and notes,		557 61
Town orders,		4,965 15
State Tax, 1863,		1,344 00
State Bounty Tax, 1863,		1,914 44
County Tax, 1863,		414 20
Amount of discount allowed for the prompt payment of taxes,		368 02
Cash paid Mass. School Fund,		39 88
Amount due on Tax list of 1860,		36 76
“ “ 1861,		32 14
“ “ 1862,		47 72
“ “ 1863,		477 35
“ Sundry bills,		28 68
Amount of cash in hands of Treasurer,		61 55
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		\$23,319 37

We, the undersigned, duly authorized by the Town, have this day examined the above account of CHARLES W. SWAIN, Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and sufficiently vouched for.

LEMUEL C. EAMES, }  
 CYRUS L. CARTER, } Committee.  
 WM. H. CARTER, }

WILMINGTON, Feb. 13th, 1864.



## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to Miss Lydia Upton, dated April 22, 1863,	\$ 100 00
“ Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1863,	1000 00
“ “ “	1000 00
“ Jonathan L. Carter, “	1000 00
“ “ “	1500 00
“ Jonathan Carter, “	200 00
“ Mrs. Abigail Burnap, “	670 00
“ Miss Abigail Burnap, “	350 00
“ Mrs. Phebe M. Nichols, balance, May 1, '63,	800 00
“ Rich Carter, balance, May 27, 1863,	800 00
“ Mrs. Lucy E. Eames, July 29, 1863,	100 00
“ “ March 18, 1863,	55 00
“ Jonathan Carter, June 16, 1863,	250 00
“ Wm, H. Carter, agent, June 4, 1863,	39 00
“ “ “ 23, “	40 00
“ John McDonald, Jan. 12, 1864,	275 00
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	\$8179 00
Town Orders outstanding,	\$504 02
Salary due J. U. Parker to April 1st,	100 00
Due the East School District,	50 00
“ S. H. Tolman on School Committee,	15 00
“ State Lunatic Asylum at Worcester, for care of Wm. E. Richardson since Oct. 1st, estimated,	52 00— 721 02
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Total liabilities of the Town,	\$8900 02

## PRESENT AVAILABLE ASSETS OF TOWN.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 61 55
Amount of Taxes due on list of 1860,	36 76
“ “ “ 1861,	32 14
“ “ “ 1862,	47 72
“ “ “ 1863,	477 35
Due from the State for amount advanced to the families of volunteers to Jan. 1, '64,	2226 32
Amount due on sundry bills,	28 68
Cash and liquor in hands of Town Agent,	111 06
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	\$3,021 58
Net balance against the Town,	\$5.878 44



# Report of the School Committee

FOR THE SCHOOL-YEAR 1863-4.

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The following are the statistics of the schools in Wilmington for the present year. They will compare favorably with the attendance in preceding years. The customary and anxiously expected remarks in regard to each teacher, it will not do to omit; although we have the same good old teachers in three districts, and what is to be said this year will, therefore, in their case, be but a repetition, perhaps with a little more emphasis, of what was so well said by the Committee last year.

## Centre District School.

MISS SARAH DAVIS JAQUITH, Teacher, through the year.

Summer Term—Whole number of scholars, 35.

“ “ Average attendance, 28.

Winter Term—Whole number of scholars, 37.

“ “ Average attendance, 29.

Length of both terms,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  months.

No teacher could be better adapted to her calling than Miss Jaquith. She has a high reputation in neighboring towns, but nowhere is she more fully appreciated than in her own town. She unites the many and diverse

qualifications which are always sure to make a successful and beloved teacher. We have not space to speak of the order and thorough attainments of the school under her management, but it is enough to say that we shall all long and gratefully remember the school year of '63 and 4.

### North District School.

MISS CHARLOTTE K. GOWING, Teacher, through the year.

Summer Term—Whole number of scholars, 42.

“ “ Average attendance, 36.

Winter Term—Whole number of scholars, 36.

“ “ Average attendance, 27.

Length of both terms, 7 months.

Miss Gowing labors faithfully and hard for the good of her pupils, nor is she content with a superficial knowledge of the books to be studied. Her standard is a high one. Had she the health requisite, together with the elasticity, cheerfulness and glow which health is wont to inspire, nothing would be wanting to make her assiduous and self-denying efforts universally appreciated.

### South District School.

MISS HATTIE C. NICHOLS, Teacher, Summer Term.

MR. ALLEN T. PERRY, Teacher, Winter Term.

Summer Term—Whole number of scholars, 35.

“ “ Average attendance, 27.

Winter Term—Whole number of scholars, 33.

“ “ Average attendance, 25.

Length of both terms, 5½ months.

This was Miss Nichols' first term. We sincerely hope it will not be the last. The complete success of



Miss N. verifies the remark of the venerable Dr. Brown, the last year of his service as Committee, that it will not do to hold the opinion that none but old teachers are fit to teach school. Miss Nichols gained the undivided affection of all her scholars ; she maintained excellent order, and the school made decided and rapid progress.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Perry, of Milford, N. H. And although this was his first trial as teacher, yet it was soon made apparent, that he possessed the ability to affect a good organization of the school, and very happily maintained it to the close. The general interest and success throughout the term was highly honorable to the teacher, and gratifying to the Committee, and as we believe, to the friends and patrons of the school.

### East District School.

MISS REBECCA EAMES, Teacher, through the year.

Summer Term—Whole number of scholars, 27.

“ “ Average attendance, 22.

Winter Term—Whole number of scholars, 32

“ “ Average attendance, 23½.

Length of both terms, 7 months.

Miss Eames has a way of managing her school without any management ; we mean by this, that she secures all the results of authority and discipline, without any particular show of authority. This is a happy faculty. The Committee were pleased with Miss Eames' familiar mode of communicating many valuable ideas outside the text-books. More of this, we believe would be a benefit in our schools.

## West District School.

MISS LUCY TINGLEY, Teacher, through the year.

Summer Term—	Whole number of scholars,	31.
“ “	Average attendance,	23.
Winter Term—	Whole number of scholars,	32.
“ “	Average attendance,	26.
Length of both terms,		7½ months.

Miss Tingley always makes an examination delightful, and we believe her examinations are a fair representation of what her school really is, and what she is every day trying to do. Miss T. aims at a finished, thorough and exact education. She wants her scholars not only to know their lessons, but be able to recite them. We like that idea. Miss T.'s school has never appeared better than during the present year.

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## GENERAL REMARKS.

The Committee have introduced the present year, “Wilson’s Series of Reading Books.” We had long felt that a change was much needed. The reading books in use were not adapted to the capacities and wants of children and youth. And this remark will apply to a large majority of the reading books before the public. Very fine collections they are, of the purest and choicest specimens of English composition. For that very reason they are not suitable to be put into the hands of those who have much to learn before they can go into the merits of profound, philosophical disquisitions, eloquent political orations, and the nicer shades of thought, feeling and imagination, as drawn

out in selections from Milton, Thomson and Young. We desire to record our protest here and now, against all such nonsense and cruelty in the treatment of children. Our school books are full of it, and it is one of the hopeful "signs of the times," that the public are beginning to find it out, and demand something different.

We think that in the adoption of Wilson's Readers we have taken a long step toward furnishing scholars with something they can read and understand, and for that reason something which they are interested in.

Approach a child in the natural and right way and he will be interested. There is a mind there, a mind possessed of capacities for thought, inquiry, and hence growth. The great work which the teacher has to do is to set the mind agoing, awaken thought in it, draw it out and lead it to ask, "What this means?" and "why this is so?" and "what that is for?" And this mental exercise it is which reacts upon the powers of the mind in strengthening, enlarging, developing them. And,—the point we are aiming at,—when the mind is thus employed, thus drawn out by the appropriate objects, and in the right way, there will be no complaint that scholars cannot be interested, that grammar is dry and arithmetic is hard, and the reading book prosy and dull. It is indeed a great thing to know just how to reach and awaken a child's mind; just how to keep the mind interested, as it is urged onward from one point to another in its education. But it is easy to know when this is not done, and what books and methods and teachers do not accomplish the work which is to be done if a child is ever really educated. And hence we repeat, it is a hopeful sign when the public understand that books and treatises and methods of teaching hardly simple enough for an academy or college, are not the things for our common schools.

We have been gratified to see, in this case of changing reading books, the readiness with which parents



acquiesce in the trouble and expense of giving up the old, and getting new books. We do not favor at all the idea of frequent changes in school books, yet it would be a mortifying and painful thought, that there can never be a necessity for introducing new authors. Who would be willing to admit that we are making no progress in all that pertains to the means and facilities of a good education? Why not expect and welcome progress here, as well as everywhere else? Take the common school system itself, as it now exists in this Commonwealth,—a monument of progress and improvement,—and if there is to be progress there must be the laying aside of the old, and the bringing in of the new. There will be new and better books, we venture to predict,—at least we hope so,—in almost every department of learning twenty years hence, than there are now. Nor ought the question of present trouble and expense to weigh any more in the introduction of new and improved school books, than in the introduction of new tools and machinery. Nay, shall we put the two things upon the same level? Is the mind of no more consequence than the body? And is any success or improvement in our physical, material affairs worthy to be compared with the mental training of our children, and the best means of securing it at whatever cost?

In order to secure, if possible, greater punctuality in the attendance of the scholars, we have proposed in each of the schools to have a record kept of the names of all who are neither absent, tardy nor dismissed before the close of the session. Although there will be unavoidable absences and tardiness sometimes, still we have found this plan of a record to work very well indeed, stimulating scholars to be present and punctual when otherwise a very slight excuse would lead some to stay at home.

Hardly anything is so important as punctuality and

constant attendance, right along day after day. Parents do not seem to understand this. They are too ready to allow their children to be absent a half a day now and then, or disturb the school by coming late, or leaving before the session is closed, thus making other scholars uneasy, besides breaking in upon their own interest in the school. You may have the best teachers in the world, and they can do but little for the welfare of their scholars where these loose notions in regard to punctuality and steady attendance prevail. This subject, we are well aware, has often been commented upon in our School Reports. But it must be brought up and pressed upon the attention of parents and others, till there is no longer any need of it. It is refreshing, however, to see what efforts some parents are willing to make in order to give their children all the benefit, in this respect, of school privileges. No storm, no other business or engagements prevent these parents from seeing that their children are at school promptly, and every day. The result is those children go right ahead, and are our best scholars.

There are many other points we should like to touch upon were this Report not already being extended too far. To one who visits our schools with any sense of the vast interests there dealt with, many a matter before thought little of, is looked at and weighed. One feels as if he must go to every parent, personally, as well as every child, and try and make vivid and impressive to them his own estimate of the great things to be done both at home and in the school-room, if ever the dear child, now so tender and susceptible, is prepared for happiness and usefulness in this world, or for purity and blessedness in that which is to come.

SAMUEL H. TOLMAN,	} SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
LEMUEL C. EAMES,	
WM. H. CARTER,	

WILMINGTON, FEB 22d, 1864.



NAMES OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE NEITHER BEEN ABSENT,  
TARDY NOR DISMISSED DURING THE YEAR.

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CENTRE DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*—Abbie A. Carter, Araminta D. Carter, Fred M. Carter, Eliza M. Carter, Julia A. Carter, Ida A. Howe. *Winter Term*—Arthur O. Buck, Julia A. Carter, Abbie A. Carter, Fred M. Carter, James B. Nichols, Frank H. Nichols.

SOUTH DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*—Josephine Bell. *Winter Term*—Martha E. Ireland, Martin F. Holt.

NORTH DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*—Julia Gowing, Anna L. Swain, Mary A. Gowing. *Winter Term*—Anna L. Swain, Mary A. Walker, Clara J. Holt, Julia A. Gowing, Frank Morris.

EAST DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*—Clara Eames, Emma J. Bancroft, Mary Emma Eames, Julia M. Parker, Addie E. Eames, Henry L. Carter, J. Howard Eames, George E. Carter. *Fall Term*—Clara Eames, Emma J. Bancroft, Mary E. Eames, Angie Buck, Mary E. Buck, Abbie C. Buck, Julia M. Parker, Addie E. Eames, Henry L. Carter, J. Howard Eames, Albert T. Eames, Ernest W. Gowing, Edward B. Eames, Myron E. Buck.

WEST DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*—Susan E. Carter, Walter Carter, Charles Carter. *Winter Term*—Susan E. Carter, Arabella J. West, Fannie Blanchard, Walter Carter.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

Town of Wilmington,

FROM FEB. 1ST, 1864, TO FEB. 1ST, 1865.

AND THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

SCHOOL-YEAR 1864-5.

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WOBURN:

E. MANCHANT, PRINTER, MIDDLESEX JOURNAL OFFICE,  
1865.



## *Report of the Overseers of the Poor.*

### *Names and Ages of the Inmates of the Alms-House :—*

Lydia Emerson,	87 years.
Nancy Alexander,	76 "
Frederick Butters,	69 "
Lucy Alexander,	61 "
Louisa Burt,	60 "
Mary Harnden,	79 "
Fanny Butters,	24 "
Albert Carter,	45 "
Caleb Nichols,	55 "
John D. Bancroft,	22 "
Present number,	10
Average "	9 $\frac{8}{10}$

63 Lodgings, and 130 Meals have been furnished poor strangers.

### *Expenses at the Alms-House :—*

Paid for grain and meal,	\$161 43
" tea and coffee,	17 75
" sugar,	26 72
" salt, beans and fish,	46 12
" flour,	84 25
" molasses,	30 00
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$366 27

	Amount brought forward,	\$366 27
Paid for	soap,	15 32
"	furniture,	73 70
"	oil and vinegar,	11 54
"	hardware and nails,	4 94
"	farming tools,	23 82
"	cream tarter and saleratus,	3 15
"	tobacco and snuff,	9 18
"	medicine and medical attendance,	6 91
"	cheese and rice,	6 55
"	apples,	8 00
"	grass seed,	4 25
"	clothing,	59 02
"	horse hire,	5 42
"	fresh meat,	58 63
"	spices and raisins,	5 44
"	baker's bread,	10 71
"	rum,	70
"	butter and lard,	1 83
"	starch, matches and rosin,	1 33
"	labor on farm, and horse hire,	44 47
"	blacksmith,	15 04
"	repairs,	40 69
"	potatoes,	8 90
"	pork,	31 00
"	pigs,	18 56
"	two yoke of oxen,	335 00
"	sawing lumber,	18 88
"	onions, pickles and cider,	1 43
"	freight,	50
"	hay,	1 35
"	salary of Superintendent,	220 83-1416 71
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> 1416 71



Amount brought forward,

\$1416 71

## CREDIT.

By cash received of J. U. Parker,	23 80	
“ slabs sold,	6 00	
“ plank,	5 60	
“ labor off farm,	67 89	
“ wood and lumber sold,	208 68	
“ boards and plank for Town House.	6 15	
“ pigs sold,	5 00	
“ potatoes and pork,	1 83	
“ rags,	4 52	
“ butter and milk,	75 12	
“ old iron and pewter,	7 14	
“ seed, corn, peas and berries,	9 82	
“ pigs,	8 00	
“ calves,	26 00	
“ eggs and poultry,	12 64	
“ soap grease,	2 22	
“ lard,	3 88	
“ keeping peddlers,	9 35	
“ two yoke of oxen,	300 00	—763 64
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		\$653 07

*Expense of the poor out of the Alms-House :—*

Supplies furn'sh'd Mrs. Wilcox in April & May,	15 00	
Wood to Mrs. Wilcox,	6 50	
Wood delivered to Mrs. Hale,	4 50	
Half barrel flour, “ “	6 75	
John Gowing, Jan. 10th, 1865,	9 20	
Mrs. Ann Chapman. “	10 00	
Miss Martha Ramsdell, on acc't of city of Lynn,	10 00	— 61 95

Total expenses of Alms-house Department, \$715 02

CYRUS L. CARTER,	}	OVERSEERS
D. B. BRIGHAM,		OF
OTHNIEL EAMES,		POOR.

Wilmington, Feb. 7th, 1865.

## *Selectmen's Report.*

Orders drawn for expenses of the Poor, 715 02

*Services of Town Officers—*

Paid W. H. Carter, as Town Clerk,	15 00
"          for recording deaths,	5 00
"          "      births,	2 00
"          "      marriages,	48
"          journey to Billerica, to canvass election returns for Representative,	2 00
"          postage & revenue stamps,	1 50
"          stationery,	1 00
Cyrus L. Carter, as Overseer of the Poor and Assessor,	75 00
J. B. Putnam,          do          do	74 50
D. B. Brigham,         do         do	80 00
Othniel Eames,         do         do	5 00
Warren Eames, as Treas. and Coll.,	100 00
A. P. Pearson, as Constable,	20 00
extra service in calling Town Meeting by per- sonal notice,	7 00
Lemuel C. Eames, as School Committee,	10 00
C. L. Carter,                  do	15 00
Wm. H. Carter, auditing Town Treas- urer's accounts,	2 00
Lemuel C. Eames,          do	2 00
Cyrus L. Carter,	2 00—\$419 48

*Expenses of Roads and Bridges :—*

Paid Ward Parker for extra work,	9 29
Jonathan Buck, work at Jenkin's bridge,	5 25— 14 54
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> 1149 04

Amount brought forward, \$1149 04

Paid D. P. Brigham, for lumber and labor at		
Shawsheen bridge,	3	92
Wm. Bryant, for repairing bridges at		
Lubber's Brook,	5	00
for plank for bridge, near C. Morrill's,	5	60— 14 62

*Amount of Highway deficiencies :—*

Paid H. B. Nichols,	2	19
D. P. Brigham,	49	03
Ruel Carter,	1	48
J. B. Morris,	13	26
Wm. Bryant,	59	68
Henry Harnden,	14	49
Elbridge Taylor,	15	90
Sylvester Carter,	2	72
Warren Eames,	10	93
Henry Sheldon,	10	28—179 96

*Distribution of School Money :—*

Paid North School District,	150	00
South*    "        "	150	00
Center    "        "	150	00
East       "        "	150	00
West       "        "	150	00—750 00
		<hr/> \$959 02

*Miscellaneous expenses :—*

Abatement of taxes for 1861,	3	00
"                    "        1862,	10	20
"                    "        1863,	11	89
"                    "        1864,	68	41— 93 50

Amount carried forward, \$2116 14

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\*School not yet closed. Amount due, \$75.

Amount brought forward,	\$2116 14
Paid express charges, postage and stamps,	3 87
for stationery,	1 14
the following bills for services at the fire in February, 1864:	
William Pierce,	2 00
William Pierce, Jr.,	2 00
G. W. McIntosh,	2 00
G. W. Slack,	2 00
Eldad Butters,	1 50
J. Cuylin,	2 50— 12 00
for putting the Hunt house in order for Town Meeting,	2 50
for cleaning Centre School House,	2 50— 5 00
the following bills for recruiting volun- teers for 1863, as audited by the Town's Committee:	
C. L. Carter,	88 45
A. P. Pearson,	86 00
Walter Blanchard,	34 00
Lemuel C. Eames,	21 00—229 45
C. Morrill for return of deaths to Town Clerk,	4 00
for books furnished indigent children,	12 16—361 12
J. B. Putnam, for perambulating Town lines,	8 75
D. P. Brigham, for do do	9 00
for setting stone monu- ment,	3 67
for repairs on hearse,	4 88
for printing Town Expenses,	34 00
Walter Blanchard, for obtaining esti- mates for a Town House, and making a report,	12 00— 72 20
Amount carried forward,	\$2795 91

Amount brought forward,	\$
S. B. Nichols, for refreshments,	
pails and lines, furnished at fire,	18 00
C. L. Carter, for recruiting services,	50 00
A. P. Pearson, do do	50 00
for repairing fence around the bur- ial grounds,	4 25
for moving safe,	2 25
for furniture for Town House, stove and funnel,	10 75
for rods for supports,	85
for settees and freight,	108 65
D. P. Brigham, for journey to Billerica,	1 50—679 67

*Outstanding Bills of last year :—*

Paid Dexter Carter,	16 24
S. H. Tolman,	15 00
State Lunatic Asylum,	59 75— 90 99

*State Aid for 1864 :—*

Thomas A. Bancroft,	48 00
John White,	20 00
Josiah Batchelder,	80 00
Hiram Pearson,	52 00
George Chase,	40 66
John H. Simpson,	52 00
Hugh Murray,	52 00
Andrew J. Cobb,	144 00
George T. Eames,	128 00
David G. Pierce,	144 00
James H. Swain,	48 00
Ambrose Upton,	156 00
Timothy D. Upton,	48 00—1010 66

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Amount carried forward,



Amount brought forward,	\$
Simeon Jaquith,	52 00
Sidney White,	21 00
Charles A. Nichols,	51 56
John Marston,	108 00
George O. Pearson,	34 00
George H. Baird,	51 00
George Orcutt,	24 70
Charles M. Buck,	20 70
George W. Sidelinker,	24 14
William W. Carter,	19 70
Samuel Dusten,	108 00
Henry F. Thompson,	26 00
Wm. H. M. Kenney,	31 42
Edward G. Sidney,	20 00
Thomas O'Hearn,	26 42-1634 40
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	4498 59

*Aid paid for raising Volunteers for  
the United States service :—*

Paid for John Marston,	125 00
Elon F. Morse,	125 00
John H. Eiger,	125 00
John Brown,	125 00
William Alexander,	125 00
Thomas Walton,	125 00
John French,	125 00
John R. Nickles,	125 00
Richard Morrison,	125 00
George Long,	125 00
Albert V. Lancaster,	125 00
John Andrews,	125 00
Michael Brocker,	125 00-1600 25

Amount carried forward,

Amount brought forward,	\$
Frederick Lewis,	125 00
Thomas O'Hearn,	125 00
Henry F. Thompson,	125 00
Wm. H. Kenzie,	125 00
H. L. Bancroft,	125 00
Chas. M. Buck,	125 00
Horace E. Eames,	125 00
George Orcutt,	125 00
Gilman Gowing,	125 00
George W. Sidelinker,	125 00
William W. Carter,	125 00
Marcus M. Bancroft,	125 00
George N. Chase,	125 00
Andrew B. Monson,	125 00
John Leonard,	125 00
One recruit furnished by State,	125 00—3625 00

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8123 59

*Monies Refunded to Individuals who had  
subscribed for raising Volunteers,*

1405 00

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\$9528 59

*Paid for Baptist Meeting House and Land,* 1000 00

*Repairing the same, as follows:—*

lumber,	140 71
shingles,	110 25
Elbridge Taylor,	81 25
J. N. Eames,	117 50
C. P. Brigden,	80 00
J. N. Eames,	22 31
nails and hardware,	28 50
mason's work,	23 30
doors and sash,	24 38—1628 20

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Amount carried forward, \$

Amount brought forward,	\$
Paid for labor, Jonathan Eames,	11 00
" T. P. Eames,	21 20
H. Hardin,	3 12
M. Carlan,	3 75
D. P. Brigham,	15 00
paints and oil,	14 50
lead and zinc,	9 25
hair and lime,	8 50
freight,	7 74
labor of Town teams,	39 75—762 00
Less amount of lumber sold and on hand,	23 80
paints and oils,	5 00— 28 80
	<hr/> 733 21

*Expenses for building Hearsce House :—*

Paid for lumber,	73 96
shingles,	25 60
nails and hardware,	17 04
freight,	5 00
carpenter's work,	78 12
labor,	5 00—204 72
	<hr/> \$11,466 52

Due from the State for Aid furnished Families of Volunteers from Jan. 1st, 1864, to Jan. 1st, 1865,	1634 40
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Total Expenditure for the year, \$9832 12

CYRUS L. CARTER,	} SELECTMEN OF WILMINGTON.
D. P. BRIGHAM,	
OTHNIEL EAMES,	

Wilmington, Feb. 20, 1865.

## *Liquor Agent's Account.*

S. B. NICHOLS, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WIL-  
MINGTON.

1864.

DR.

Feb. 1st,	By Cash on hand last settlement,	53 42
“	“	
	Stock of Liquors and Fixtures	
	on hand,	57 64

1865.

Feb. 1st,	“ Cash received for sales of	
	Liquors,	200 60—311 66

1864.

CR.

March 22d,	By Bill of Liquors purchased of	
	State Commissioner,	39 66
May 26th,	“ “ “ “	9 45
June 1st,	“ “ “ “	36 63
June 18th,	“ Cash paid for Government	
	License,	20 00
Sept. 6th,	“ Bill of Liquors purchased,	13 43
Sept. 26th,	“ “ “ “	49 75
Oct. 15th,	“ Cash paid addition to Gov-	
	ernment License,	4 17
Dec. 7th,	“ Bill of Liquors,	12 87
“	Salary of Agent, 12 months,	41 66—227 62

1865.

February.	Stock of Liquor on hand,	73 12
“	Cash on hand,	10 92—311 66

Loss to the Town, including Government	
License and Agent's salary,	27 13

*Warren Eames, Treas. and Coll., in*

1865.

DR.

Feb. 15th, To Cash in Treasury on former settlement, . . . . .	61	55
Tax list of 1864, committed, . . . . .	7701	88
Cash received for Town's note issued, . . . . .	8294	50
of State Treasurer on account of State Aid, . . . . .	2064	32
for Dog Licenses, . . . . .	14	00
State Treasurer (Sch'l Fund) . . . . .	36	34
“ Corporat'n tax, . . . . .	139	78
Interest of delinquent taxpayers, . . . . .	27	23
State Treas. on acc't of recruiting, . . . . .	134	00
for Cemetery Lots, . . . . .	13	00
To balance on Tax List of 1860, . . . . .	36	76
“ “ “ 1861-2 and 3, . . . . .	557	21
Cash received for Wood and Oxen sold off the Town's farm, . . . . .	495	95
Sundry bills, . . . . .	28	68
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		\$19605 21



*Acc't with the Town of Wilmington.*

1865.	CR.
February, By Cash paid sundry Notes of	
the Town,	3555 50
Interest on Town Notes	
and Orders,	493 37
Town Orders,	5698 53
on account Mass. Sch'l Fund,	49 59
State Tax of 1864,	1344 00
County do	413 65
for deed of Baptist Church,	1000 00
north District Sch'l Tax,	50 00
refunded subscribers for	
Volunteers,	1370 00
By uncollected Tax of 1860,	36 76
" " " 1861, 2 and 3,	260 24
" " " 1864,	1170 07
" cash to aid in furnishing Recruits for	
the United States Military Service,	3500 00
" stamp,	50
" deposited with State Treasurer, for	
recruiting purposes,	500 00
" in Treasury,	162 80
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	\$19605 21

We, the undersigned, duly authorized by the Town, have this day examined the above account of Warren Eames, Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast, and sufficiently vouched for, and that there is due from him to the Town, one hundred and sixty-two and eighty-one-hundredths dollars.

CYRUS L. CARTER, }  
 LEMUEL C. EAMES, } COMMITTEE.  
 W. H. CARTER, }

Wilmington, Feb. 20th, 1865.

*Liabilities of the Town.*

Note to Miss Lydia Upton, dated April

22d, 1863,	100 00
" to Benjamin Buck, " May 1, '63,	1000 00
" " " " " "	1000 00
" Jonathan L. Carter, " "	1000 00
" " " " " "	1500 00
" Miss Abigail Burnap, balance,	500 00
" Mrs. Phebe M. Nichols, bal., "	800 00
" Rich Carter, balance, May 1, '63,	800 00
" Mrs. Lucy E. Eames, July 29, "	100 00
" " " Mch. 18, "	55 00
" Mrs. H. L. Carter, April 1, '64,	500 00
" " " " 6, "	500 00
" Chas. A. Nichols, " 16, "	300 00
" Ex-High Sch'l Ass., May 9, "	50 00
" Amira G. Buck, " 17, "	400 00
" J. B. Putnam, " 17, "	500 00
" Estate of L. Parker, June 4, "	900 00
" Mrs. Polly Parker, June 4, "	133 00
" Henry L. Bancroft, June 30, "	230 00
" Moses Pearson, August 11, "	1000 00
" H. B. Nichols, " 10, "	200 00
" L. R. Read, Sept. 6, "	100 00
" W. Wyman, " 15, "	500 00
" H. S. Bancroft, " 13, "	200 00
" George Orcutt, " " "	150 00
" George W. Sidelinker, " 26, "	200 00
" John McDonald, bal. " 28, "	200 00
	<hr/> 12918 00
Outstanding Town order,	739 84
Salary due Fifield Luce to April 1, 1865,	112 50
Due the South School District,	75 00
" City of Charlestown, for support of Aaron Buckman,	53 20
" Brooks & Darling,	11 64
	<hr/> 992 18
Total Liabilities of the Town,	<hr/> \$13910 18

*Present Available Assetts of the Town.*

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	162 80	
Amount due on Tax List of 1860,	36 76	
“ “ “ 1861, 2 and 3,	260 24	
“ “ “ 1864,	1170 07	
Balance due from the State for Amount advanced to the families of Vol- unteers, to Jan. 1st, 1864,	163 00	
Due from the State for Amount advanc- ed to families of Volunteers, to Jan. 7th, 1865,	1605 30	
Amount due by sundry parties,	28 68	
Cash and Liquor in hands of Agent,	84 04	
Balance of amount deposited with State Treasurer,	375 00	—————
		\$3885 89
Net balance against the Town,	\$10,024 19	



*Report of the School Committee*

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR 1864-5.

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The schools in the several Districts of the Town have all completed their usual terms, with the exception of the South District. Miss Butters, who was so commended for her success as a teacher in this district during the summer term, was engaged for the winter term, also, and commenced it under circumstances equally propitious for a prosperous school; but after a few weeks' labor, was compelled by sickness, to suspend the school, with the expectation of being able to resume her connection with it, in a short time. Her disease, however, proved more severe and protracted than was at first anticipated by her physician and friends, so that after a vacation of five weeks, Miss Hattie C. Nichols was engaged to finish the term, which will continue several weeks.

In submitting our brief Annual Report of the condition of the Public Schools for the year now closed, your Committee are able to present from the School Registers, the following Table of Statistics. And this table, when carefully considered, will be found to contain the substance and main point of interest in our report, as affording encourag-



ing evidence of appreciation of School advantages by parents and children:

NAME OF SCHOOL.	TEACHER'S NAME.	TERM.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Length of Term.	Wages per month.
Centre School.	Miss Julia A. C. Richardson,	S.	26	22 50-59	3	20 00
"	" "	W.	34	30 21-67	3 1-2	22 00
North School.	Miss Louisa Day, . .	S.	52	44 1-2	3 1-4	20 00
"	" "	W.	50	38 1-2	3 3-4	22 00
South School.	Miss L. A. Butters,	S.	30	26	3 1-4	20 00
"	" "					
East School.	Miss Hattie C. Nichols	S.	29	26 3-4	2 1-5	20 00
"	" "	F.	33	28 7-9	1 4-5	20 00
"	Miss Rebecca Eames,	W.	35	32 1-3	2 3-4	20 00
West School.	Miss Lucy Tingley,	S.	27	25	3 1-2	20 00
"	" "	W.	28	24	3 1-4	22 00

From the above table it appears that in the summer term, there were one hundred and sixty-four scholars in all the schools; and the average attendance for the same was one hundred and forty-five. The winter term numbered one hundred and eighty. Average attendance (making a fair estimate for the South School,) is one hundred and fifty-two, making the attendance in all the schools in summer, a fraction over eighty-nine per cent. of the whole number of scholars. In the winter the average attendance is eighty-four per cent., which is, indeed, a great gain in this essential particular, from the record of past years; and is itself, truly, a high compliment to the teachers, an encouraging and noticeable fact for parents who have taken care to see that their children were regularly at school. This we esteem an improvement in the right place; and if constantly followed and persisted in, cannot fail to add to the permanent prosperity and real progress of our schools, which are maintained for the common benefit of all. Let it be impressed, then, that each and all have an interest in this matter, by laboring and studying for the promotion of regular and punctual attendance.

The registers for the year do not contain near as many of those unpleasant marks, indicating the number of times each scholar has been late to school, as in former years. And we

are glad to notice this feature and characteristic of the schools, generally, which is so honorable to a large majority of the names of scholars recorded upon the register for each school. Still, there is much need of early care and attention to this one thing, punctuality, always and everywhere; but especially *punctuality at school*.

The highest number marked for tardiness against the name of any one scholar, that we have noticed, is eighteen—another ten. Now we cannot but feel sorry for those unfortunate ones who have failed, so many times, to be present at the commencement of the school during a single term; for they are not only in danger of losing their interest in the school, but of losing a proper respect for themselves, and their own individual improvement; which will prove more and more disastrous as its influence extends, as the legitimate result of this one departure and omission to be punctual at school. Besides the sad loss the tardy scholar experiences in his own case, he causes no slight or small interruption of the whole school. We hope all the children will consider these facts, which are presented for their encouragement and profit, remembering that the register contains a faithful and permanent record of several important particulars respecting each scholar.

The plan of publishing, in our Annual Report, the names of scholars who have not been *absent*, tardy nor dismissed, during a whole term, which was adopted last year, has had, we think, a very salutary effect, although it is not always a sure criterion. There are, undoubtedly, some who have aimed at this constant regularity, who have been unable to be present, from sickness, or other circumstances equally beyond their control, which must, of course, fully justify their absence. This class, surely, should not feel disgraced, though it be a misfortune.

The names of those scholars who have been able to observe and comply with the above conditions are appended to this Report, which may be called, "The Roll of Honor."

The schools for the past year, we feel confident, as a whole, have advanced the youth of our town, as truly and thoroughly in their studies, and in the elements of manliness, as have been witnessed for a long time. The public examinations were generally well attended by parents, and other

interested friends, whose presence very much heightened the interest of the occasion, and nobly serves the great purpose of cheering on the faithful scholar to new efforts for new attainments.

And now, while we in the present instance, depart from the usual custom, and refrain from attempting the delicate and often difficult task of rightly discriminating between the several teachers that have been employed during the year, we intend no disrespect whatever, but prefer to let their *praise* be found in the *respective fields of their cultivation*; believing that this course will not result in any injustice, but rather induce parents to a more thorough knowledge of the attainments and conduct of their children while at school, cheerfully helping them on in the path of obedience and progress.

It is proper for us here to state, that we do not consider all the schools, in every particular, and the measure of prosperity with which they have been attended, so full and complete, that no room remains for improvement. There are some glaring defects, which seriously affect that healthful influence which schools are expected to exert. The principal and only defect which we shall here notice, is that pertaining to government. For indeed, where government is wanting on the part of a teacher, the proprieties of the school-room soon disappear, and whatever of good is attempted under such circumstances, is accomplished at a great disadvantage, both to teacher and pupils. Nor do the evil consequences stop here. If children do not learn to yield a cheerful and ready obedience to rightful authority in the school, how is it likely they will, in after years, render obedience to wholesome laws of society and the State?

What a commentary on this subject is the great rebellion, which brought on the present civil war in our country, and has threatened the existence of the National Government itself? Is it not more than probable that the origin of this war may be found in the want of that discipline and general intelligence among the masses of the people of the revolted States, which the common school system is suited to afford? If, then, consequences so momentous can be traced to the neglect of early and judicious training, and that want of knowledge which common schools afford? it must impress

all with a sense of their importance and value, and call forth such efforts from all, as will give increased vigor and efficiency to these primary sources of instruction.

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	}	SCHOOL COM.
C. L. CARTER,		OF
WM. H. CARTER,		WILMINGTON.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 20, 1865.



NAMES OF SCHOLARS WHO HAVE NEITHER BEEN ABSENT,  
TARDY NOR DISMISSED DURING THE YEAR.

CENTRE DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*—E. Lizzie Buck, Abbie A. Carter, Araminta D. Carter, Mary E. Carter, Ida A. Howe. *Winter Term*—Abbie A. Carter, Araminta D. Carter, Mary E. Carter, Ida Howe, Josie M. Nichols, George E. Slack, Walter H. Slack.

NORTH DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*—Ella J. Chapman, Lizzie C. Eames, Emma Gowing, Julia A. Gowing, Mary A. Gowing, Annie M. Harnden, Lizzie J. Harnden, Ella J. Pearson, Annie L. Swain, Clara E. Swain, Gertie K. Upton, Lizzie Welch, Abbie M. Walker, George Gowing, Arthur Pearson, Charles Swain, Thomas Upton. *Winter Term*—Emma Gowing, Julia A. Gowing, Mary A. Gowing, Abbie M. Walker, Anna L. Swain, George Gowing, Frank Morris.

SOUTH DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*—George H. Ireland, Abraham C. Stickney.

EAST DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*—Angie Buck, Julia M. Parker, Mary E. Eames. *Fall Term*—Emma Perry, Mary F. Perry, H. Ida Perry, Henrietta Newhouse, R. Clement Eames, Lorie A. Howard. *Winter Term*—Emma J. Bancroft, R. Clement Eames.

WEST DISTRICT.—*Summer Term*—Ella Wilde, Edward Foster. *Winter Term*—Ella Wilde, Susan E. Carter, Mary E. Buck, Charles Hopkins, Edgar Wilde, Charles Carter.



*Receipts and Expenditures*

OF THE

**Town of Wilmington,**

*FROM FEB. 1st, 1865, TO FEB. 1st, 1866,*

AND THE

**Report of the School Committee,**

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1865-6.



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## *Report of the Overseers of the Poor.*

### NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES OF THE ALMS- HOUSE.

Lydia Emerson,	88 years.	Albert Carter,	46 years.
Nancy Alexander,	77 "	Caleb Nichols,	56 "
Mary Harnden,	80 "	John B. Bancroft,	23 "
Frederick Butters,	70 "	Elbridge Butters,	60 "
Lucy Alexander,	62 "	*John Gowing,	82 "
Louisa Burtt,	61 "	Betsey Tweed,	80 "
Fanny Butters,	25 "		

\* Died Dec. 2d.

Whole number, 13; average number, 11 9-13; present number, 12.  
55 Lodgings, and 169 Meals have been furnished poor strangers.

### EXPENSE AT THE ALMS-HOUSE.

Paid for Flour and Grain,	\$292 30
Salt Pork,	12 39
Molasses,	27 15
Sugar,	14 57
Tea and Coffee,	21 60
Baker's Bread,	17 51
Fresh Meat,	32 33
Fish,	26 48
Spices,	5 57
Clothing and Bedding,	56 42
Beans,	7 28
Cheese,	8 65
Oil and Soap,	24 94
Vinegar and Salt,	12 27
Boots and Shoes,	13 90
Labor,	33 75
Horse Hire and Car Fare,	10 47
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$617 58</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$617 58
<b>Paid for</b> Nails and Glass,	2 59
Snuff and Tobacco,	12 75
Hay,	28 52
Standing Grass,	12 00
Household Furniture,	10 91
Crockery Ware,	3 31
Seed Oats and Garden Seeds,	7 11
Grass Seed,	7 44
Medicine,	4 15
Spiritous Liquors,	1 20
Shoats,	45 00
1 Cow and 2 Heifers,	102 00
Farming Tools,	8 41
Blacksmithing,	5 40
Sawing Lumber,	5 26
Saleratus,	2 80
Butchering,	3 00
Miscellaneous Expense,	10 75
Funeral Expenses,	21 00
Salary of Superintendent,	162 50
Doctor's Bill,	4 00
<b>Total,</b>	<hr/> \$1077 68
<b>Total amount of credits,</b>	822 44
<b>Total expense of poor at Alms-house,</b>	<hr/> \$555 44
“ “ “ out of Alms-house,	140 65
<b>Total expense of poor,</b>	<hr/> \$695 89

## CREDIT.

<b>By</b> Labor of Superintendent and Team,	\$ 98 18
Vegetables sold,	23 30
Butter,	76 33
Milk,	2 97
Lard,	10 47
Lumber,	60 16
Wood,	78 55
Faggots,	16 27
Straw,	2 80
Fresh Meat,	3 71
Cranberries,	65 25
Keeping Pedlars,	5 92
Calves,	26 50
Hide and Tallow,	11 69
Use of Boar,	1 50
Eggs,	4 09
7 1-2 week's Board,	30 00
Sundry Articles,	4 75
<b>Total,</b>	<hr/> \$522 44

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid City of Charlestown for support of Aaron Buckman,	\$19 50
Supplies furnished John Gowing,	19 45
“ “ Mrs. Hale,	12 00
“ “ James Bonds,	3 00
“ “ Mrs. Chapman,	11 00
Doctor's bill for “ “	8 00
Supplies furnished Mrs. Wilcox,	59 70
Doctor's bill for “ “	8 00
Supplies furnished C. B. Abbott's family,	12 00
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	\$152 65
Cr. by cash rec'd of Town of Andover for supplies furnished C. B. Abbott,	12 00
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Total expense of Poor out of Alms-house,	\$140 65

LEMUEL C. EAMES, } Overseers  
 OTHNIEL EAMES, } of the  
 JOHN R. NICKLES, } Poor.

Wilmington, Feb. 1st, 1866.

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*Selectmen's Report.*

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Orders drawn for Expenses of the Poor,	\$665 89
Paid William H. Carter, Town Clerk,	29 00
L. C. Eames, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,	60 00
Othniel Eames, “ “ “ “	75 00
S. H. Gowing, “ “ “ “	
from March to July,	36 00
John R. Nickles, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor, in place of S. H. Gowen, resigned,	25 00
Warren Eames, Treasurer and Collector,	110 00
Levi Swain, Jr., Constable,	20 00
Rev. S. H. Tolman, School Committee,	31 60
Sylvester Carter, Jr., “ “	7 00
S. B. Nichols, Superintending Cemetery,	15 00
C. L. Carter, Auditing Treasurer's Accounts,	4 00
L. C. Eames, “ “ “	3 00
W. H. Carter, “ “ “	3 00
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	\$1294 25

## EXPENSE OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Town of Billerica one-half cost of covering Loggin Bridge, in 1863,	\$16 26
Rebuilding Abutment for same,	60 00
D. P. Brigham, for Railing Highway,	11 70
G. S. Simonds, " "	8 80
Rich Carter, Cedar Posts for Highway,	5 50
John French, extra work and Laying Culvert,	19 74
Stephen Day, for Gravel,	5 00

## AMOUNT OF HIGHWAY DEFICIENCIES.

Paid Newton George,	\$10 34	Paid Daniel Gowing,	\$25 53
Warren Eames,	19 50	James H. Pearson,	9 30
Solon L. Johnson,	21 09	Sylvester Carter,	2 50
C. F. Bridgen,	17 45	Horace Sheldon, 1864,	15 17
G. W. Slack,	28 30	Chas. W. Swain,	19 70
Charles Hopkins,	12 21	N. B. Eames,	27 84
Simeon Jaquith,	21 70		

## DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid North School District,	\$150 00
*South " "	150 00
Center, " "	150 00
East " "	150 00
West " "	150 00

\* School not yet closed,—now due, \$75.

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Amount over assessed on sundry persons,	\$37 25
Abatement on Tax List of 1862-3,	32 41
" " " 1864,	33 44
" " " 1865,	37 56

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Insurance on Town House,	\$38 50
Brown & Carter, painting Hearse-house,	37 86
Expenses incurred in sale of land for taxes, legal advice, &c.	38 00
Printing Town Reports,	40 00
" Dog Law,	2 00
Otis Carter, for placing stones in Silver Lake,	7 50
for School Books for Teacher's desks,	7 12
" " indigent children,	3 91
Blank Books, for Records,	11 00
Preambulating Town Lines,	2 00



Paid L. C. Eames, journeys out of town.	4 00
D. P. Brigham, stove for Town-house.	3 00
S. B. Nichols, taking charge of Town-house,	21 00
"    "    oil, glass, &c.,	8 45
amount of Town app'n to Committee on Cemetery,	200 00
Express Fees and Stationery,	3 62
Revenue Stamps,	4 20

### OUTSTANDING BILLS OF LAST YEAR.

Paid City of Charlestown, for support of Aaron Buckman,	\$59 76
Brooks & Darling,	11 64
Charles Buck, work in Town Hall,	10 00
Stephen Day, room for Selectmen,	10 00

LEMUEL C. EAMES, }  
 OTHNIEL EAMES, } *Selectmen.*  
 JOHN R. NICKLES, }

Wilmington, Feb. 1st, 1866.

### AMOUNT OF STATE AID PAID TO FAMILIES OF VOL- UNTEERS.

Hiram Peirson,	\$17 83	George H. Baird,	\$12 00
George Chase,	26 00	George Orcutt,	21 00
Hugh Murry,	21 42	Charles M. Buck,	24 00
George T. Eames,	50 00	G. W. Sidelinker,	21 00
David G. Pierce,	60 00	W. W. Carter,	23 84
James H. Swain,	25 00	Samuel Dustan,	48 00
Ambrose Upton,	144 00	Henry F. Thompson,	14 00
Timothy D. Upton,	26 00	Wm. H. McKinney,	80 00
Simeon Jaquith, 2d,	28 00	E. G. Lindsay,	22 42
Charles A. Nichols,	20 43	Thomas O'Hern,	35 00
John H. Simpson,	32 29		

### *Accounts of Treasurer.*

WARREN EAMES, *Treasurer and Collector, in account with the  
Town of Wilmington.* DR.

To Cash in hands of Treas'r, on former settlement,	\$ 162 80
Balance on Dog Licenses,	70
Received for Town Notes issued,	7464 46
"    of State Treas., on acct. of State Aid,	1500 00
"    "    "    Corporation Tax,	75 00
"    "    "    Monies deposited for	
Recruits,	250 00

*Amount carried forward,* \$9342 96

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$9342 96
To use of Town-house,	71 00
Interest on Taxes, 1864-5,	33 68
State School Fund,	39 85
Town of Andover, for supplies furnished C. B. Abbott,	12 00
cash from estate of M. Jones, legacy to Elbridge Butters,	37 03
Cemetery Lots,	13 00
balance of Tax List, 1860,	36 76
“ “ 1861, 1862-3,	260 24
“ “ 1864,	1170 07
Tax List of 1865, committed,	8091 65
cash received on account of State Aid, '64,	162 00
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	\$19380 24

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By cash paid sundry Notes of the Town,	\$6268 00
“ “ Town Orders,	4125 50
“ “ Interest on Notes and Town Orders,	727 44
“ “ on account of School Fund,	31 80
“ “ State Tax,	2773 00
“ “ County Tax,	427 84
“ “ North School District Tax,	75 00
By cash refunded to individuals, which was subscribed for recruiting purposes,	2512 00
balance due on Tax, 1860,	16 76
“ “ “ 1861, 1862-3,	59 10
“ “ “ 1865,	887 67
recording Deed,	1 00
cash in Treasury,	1475 13
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	\$19380 24

We, the undersigned, duly authorized by the Town, have this day examined the accounts of Warren Eames, Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and sufficiently vouched for, and that there is due from him to the Town, fourteen hundred and seventy-five 13-100 dollars.

C. L. CARTER,  
 LEMUEL C. EAMES, } Committee,  
 WM. H. CARTER,

Wilmington, Feb. 17th, 1866.

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1863,	\$1000 00
" " " " " "	1000 00
" J. L. Carter, May 1, 1863,	1000 00
" " " " " "	1500 00
" Mrs. Phebe M. Nichols, May 1, 1863, (bal.)	700 00
" Rich Carter, May 1, 1863, (bal.)	800 00
" Ex-High School Association, May 9, 1864,	50 00
" Amira G. Buck, May 17, 1864,	400 00
" Moses Pearsons, Aug. 11, 1864,	1000 00
" George W. Sidelineker, Sept. 26, 1864,	200 00
" L. H. Eames, March 27, 1865,	100 00
" Mrs. Polly Parker, March 23, 1865,	138 00
" Levi and Ward Parker, Exec's, April 4, 1865,	926 46
" Joseph J. Pearson, April 9, 1865,	500 00
" Otis C. Buck, April 19, 1865,	200 00
" H. L. Eames, " 24, "	50 00
" J. B. Putnam, May 17, "	500 00
" Abigail Burnap, June 1, 1865,	500 00
" Joseph J. Pearsons, Aug. 2, 1865,	500 00
" Moses Pearson, Aug. 10, 1865,	2000 00
" Darius Buck, Aug. 9, 1865,	600 00
" Wm. Wyman, Sept. 4, 1865,	500 00
" H. L. Bancroft, Sept. 9, 1865,	450 00
Outstanding Town Orders,	370 00
Due South District School,	75 00
" " " " " Fund,	7 85
Amount to be refunded sundry persons,	40 00
Balance due Henry Buck, his salary for one year, over all cash in his hands,	55 54
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	\$14162 84

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$1465 13
Balance due on Tax List, 1860,	16 76
" " " 1861, 1862-3,	59 10
" " " 1865,	887 67
Due from State on monies advanced to families of volunteers to January 1, 1866,	932 23
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	\$3370 89
Total amount of Town Debt,	\$10791 95

## LIQUOR AGENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

To cash paid for Liquors as per bill,	\$177 80	
Commission and analyzing the same,	15 26	
Transportation of the same,	4 75	
Government License,	25 00	
Agent's Salary,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$272 81
By cash in hand former settlement,	\$10 92	
"    received for Liquor sold,	242 92	
"    "    "    Casks sold,	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$258 34
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Cash on hand,		\$14 47
Stock of Liquors on hand,	\$44 40	
"    Fixtures    "	7 47	
	<hr/>	\$51 87

S. B. NICHOLS, *Agent*.

Wilmington, Feb. 1st, 1866.

DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON DURING  
THE YEAR 1865.

Francis Gowing,	32 yrs.	John S. Perry,	56 yrs.
Emeline M. Batcheller,	2 "	Clarissa Gowing,	56 "
Eliza S. Townsend,	66 "	Edward E. Swain,	30 "
Daniel Gowing,	34 "	Hariett Willoughby,	55 "
Samuel Morrill,	30 "	C. J. Porter,	6 mos.
Clarence O. Pearson,	8 "	Emily Gowing,	14 yrs.
Sally Flint,	70 "	Eddy P. Mears,	5 "
James Leavitt,	60 "	Frank E. Mears,	2 "
Mary Butters,	89 "	William A. Gowing,	4 "
Emeline Batcheller,	32 "	Charles Pierce,	39 "
Rich E. Carter,	38 "	John Gowing,	82 "
Betsey Buck,	63 "	Jesse Hopkins,	79 "
Abigail Burnap,	92 "	Rosanna Cullean,	26 "
Charles W. Swain,	7 "		

WM. H. CARTER, *Clerk*.

# REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

### TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

### FOR THE YEAR 1865-6.

In presenting their Annual Report the Committee desire first to call attention to some important statistics and particular features of the different schools in town.

#### *CENTER DISTRICT.*

MISS HARRIET M. HARRIMAN, TEACHER, SUMMER TERM.

MISS LAURA A. KNIGHT, TEACHER, WINTER TERM.

Summer Term,—Whole number of Scholars,	33
“ “ Average “ “ . . . . .	21
Winter Term,—Whole “ “ . . . . .	29
“ “ Average “ “ . . . . .	24
Length of both Terms, 6 1-2 months.	

This was Miss Harriman's first experience in teaching. She, however, acquitted herself to the satisfaction of the District, and also of the Committee. The closing examination indicated pains-taking, and an earnest desire to do the most and the best possible for her pupils. There was manifest, also, a good degree of fidelity and progress on their part. Singing was practiced with good effect in the school. Miss H. gained, by her disposition and manner, the general affection of her scholars.

Miss Knight came to us with the benefit of considerable experience. Possessed of ability, patience and firmness, she did much for the school, and would have done much more, had parents and scholars, without exception, co-operated



more fully with her. A spirit of insubordination on the part of two or three of the scholars was manifested both terms, which interfered somewhat with the progress of the school. But good order was promptly insisted on, and maintained with salutary effect. The writing books under Miss Knight's care showed unusual neatness and skill. The Committee also were much gratified with the thoroughness which was manifested in the recitations of the more advanced scholars.

### ***NORTH DISTRICT.***

MISS LOUISE DAY, TEACHER, BOTH TERMS.

Summer Term,—Whole number of Scholars,	. . . . .	46
“ “ Average “ “ . . . . .		34
Winter Term,—Whole “ “ . . . . .		44
“ “ Average “ “ . . . . .		32
Length of both Terms, 6 3-4 months.		

The present was Miss Day's second year in this District. There was, all through the year, a marked improvement in both teacher and scholars. More and more dignity was shown, and more carefulness and scholar-like behavior. Miss D. spared no efforts to make her pupils familiar with the fundamentals. There was a constant drill in reading, pronunciation, definitions, spelling, and those more common matters in a child's education which are by far too *uncommon*. The government of the school was discreet and firm. As the result of all, we are happy to say that the progress made was decided and substantial.

### ***SOUTH DISTRICT.***

MISS LUCELIA A. BUTTERS, TEACHER, BOTH TERMS.

Summer Term,—Whole number of Scholars,	. . . . .	34
“ “ Average “ “ . . . . .		27
Winter Term,—Whole “ “ . . . . .		31
“ “ Average “ “ . . . . .		23
Length of both Terms, 6 1-2 months.		

As the Winter Term is still in progress at the time of

writing this Report, we are unable to speak of the appearance of the school at the closing examination. The Committee, however, are prepared to say that, in their judgment, the South School has never been better managed, or more profitably taught. Miss Butters is strict in order, but judicious and kind. She insists upon thoroughness and precision in the lessons learned, and as the consequence her pupils make a business of their school duties. With a better school-house, both scholars and teacher, and the District too, would be great gainers.

### *EAST DISTRICT.*

MISS ADDIE H. EMMONS, TEACHER, BOTH TERMS.

Summer Term,—Whole number of Scholars,	39
“ “ Average “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	33
Winter Term,—Whole “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	43
“ “ Average “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	34
Length of both Terms, 6 1-2 months.	

This school has been much larger of late than for years before, and its wants have correspondingly increased. Miss Emmons devoted herself, to the very best of her ability, to the school both terms, and the closing examination showed a degree of improvement creditable to her fidelity. But there was room for much more to be done. It is of the utmost importance that so large and mixed a school should be governed with a particularly firm and even hand, and with dignity. Scholars must fear, or they will not respect and obey their teacher as they ought. If enthusiasm and interest in their studies can be awakened, this will keep the order, and on the other hand, the order and government will help the interest.

But while making these criticisms, the Committee would not expect too much, or fail to recognise the attainments and progress made.

**WEST DISTRICT.**

MISS LUCY TINGLEY, TEACHER, BOTH TERMS.

Summer Term,—Whole number of Scholars,	28
“ “ Average “ “ . . . .	23
Winter Term,—Whole “ “ . . . .	24
“ “ Average “ “ . . . .	20
Length of both Terms, 6 1-2 months.	

Miss Tingley has fully sustained her reputation as a teacher in this District. We can but repeat what has been heretofore said respecting the order and general perfection of the school, both on its working days, and at its examinations. Miss T. is remarkably free from one fault too common among all teachers. She never allows her scholars to travel over too much ground, so that at the close of school they hold securely every step they have taken, and are just as familiar with one portion of what they have gone over, during the term, as another. We think Miss Tingley ought by all means to be secured in a school of higher grade.

**GENERAL REMARKS.**

We see no reason to doubt that the Schools in WILMINGTON have been on the whole as successful the present year as at any time since the stimulus and good influences of the High School were removed.

We do need more money for the Schools. The town ought to appropriate for the coming year at least twenty-five dollars additional for each District. The wages of good teachers are everywhere higher than formerly, and the result will be that we shall lose our best teachers unless we are willing to offer a compensation in some degree proportionate to the expenses which teachers must incur in fitting themselves for their work. Moreover, the number of weeks' schooling might most profitably be increased. The present Winter Term is not far from twelve weeks in each of the districts. This leaves *months* before the Sum-

mer Term commences. A portion of this long interval ought certainly to be devoted to study, and might be, without the least detriment to the health of the scholars. These suggestions receive additional weight from the consideration that we are dependent on our District Schools for all the education the children of this town obtain, with very few exceptions.

Or, if this addition of twenty-five dollars to each District be not made, let the same amount (one hundred and twenty-five dollars), be appropriated annually for one term of a select or High School, to be taught twelve or fourteen weeks in the autumn, to which all the more advanced scholars in town can have free access. It is painful to notice that our young people are growing up without the advantages of some higher and fuller instruction than can be obtained in the District Schools. It is a matter of no small expense to send a child out of town to school, and the result is, that however parents may talk of sending their children away to an Academy or High School, very few do it. The Committee are confident that such a select term of school as is here proposed, would be of incalculable benefit to the town in every point of view. In the name of our young people we make this appeal.

Although we speak of the general success of the schools during the present year, yet we desire to say that parents in some instances, do not realize how much the prosperity of the schools, and the success of the teachers, depend on them. Much more might have been accomplished, we are confident, had parents done all their duty. Parents ought ever to remember what harm they are doing their own children, and the school to which their children belong, by taking sides against the teacher. The reports to the detriment of the teacher which children bring from school, should not be so readily received. The presumption always is that the *teacher* is right, and the *scholar* wrong. A child, even *our*



own child, is more likely to misunderstand, and misjudge, and be mistaken, than the teacher. Children should not be allowed to discuss at home the justice and injustice of school regulations, and the character of their teacher, so freely as is often the case. Nothing should be done to undermine the authority of the teacher, or to prejudice the children against the rules of the school. It must not be forgotten that the law gives the whole authority, for the time being, into the hands of the teacher, and neither scholars nor parents have any right to unsettle or impair that just authority.

Parents also are too ready to give permission to their children to absent themselves from school, or be excused before the regular school hours expire. For smaller scholars this may be necessary. But for the older ones it should seldom, if ever, be allowed; and if parents are not more considerate on this point, the Committee will be obliged to insist upon it that scholars must remain through, or leave the school entirely. The schools must not be injured in this way. In one of our schools in particular this practice did very great harm. If the injury could be confined to the scholars excused, the evil would not be so serious; but the whole school suffers by it. It dampens the ardor and diminishes the interest of all, teacher and scholars.

One more subject remains to be alluded to in this Report, and that is, the *increase of profanity and improper language* among the scholars of our schools. It is a sad reflection that there are any that are guilty of such sins and impurities of the lips. But one can hardly pass our school-houses without hearing the name of God taken in vain, or some vulgar or offensive word uttered. Parents, are you aware that this is the case? And consider how much influence one bad boy has over all the rest, especially those that are younger. Think of the fearful future before that child who



thus blasphemes, in the beginning of his career, the name of his Maker, and the polluting atmosphere breathed by the little ones who go out from our firesides!

And now, what *can* be done to arrest this growing evil? That is the question that it becomes us all to ponder. Doubtless teachers may and ought to do more than they think they have authority for doing. The law makes it the duty of teachers to exercise a control over the "morals and manners" of their scholars. It should be a punishable offence, when other means will not avail, if any scholar is guilty, while anywhere on the school premises (in the school-house or around it), of uttering a profane or indecent word, or of doing an improper action.

But here again, the teacher cannot do all. Home influences and the authority of parents must be brought to bear upon these children, or they are ruined for this world and the next. Nothing can take the place of parental anxiety and government in this matter. And if the hearts of parents can only be touched, and their minds aroused to the vast consequences which follow their fidelity or their neglect, there will be some hope that those among their children who are now entering the paths of the destroyer will be rescued from the fatal end, or at least their wicked influence over others be restrained.

S. H. TOLMAN,	}	SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
S. CARTER, JR.,		
W. H. CARTER,		

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

# TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR 1866-7.

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1867.



# REPORT

OF THE

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Lydia Emerson,	89	Elbridge Butters,	61
Nancy Alexander,	78	Betsey Tweed,	81
Mary Harnden,	80	Reuben Butters,	51
Frederick Butters,	71	Rosanna Butters,	41
Lucy Alexander,	63	George L. Butters,	13
Louisa Burt,	62	Mary R. Butters,	11
Fanny Butters,	26	Simeon F. Butters,	8
Albert Carter,	47	Eliza J. Butters,	3
Caleb Nichols,	56	Jas. Silas Butters, born Oct. 4th.	
John Bancroft,	24		

Whole number, 19; average number,  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ; present number, 13.  
129 lodgings and 348 meals have been furnished poor strangers.

### EXPENSE AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Grain and Meal, \$	177 45	Paid for Hay,	\$19 33
“ Flour,	113 50	“ Standing Grass,	12 00
“ Molasses,	25 34	“ Beans,	9 51
“ Sugar,	9 92	“ Salt and Nails,	6 27
“ Tea and Coffee,	17 00	“ Cheese,	7 78
“ Boots and Shoes,	19 47	“ Bakers' Bread,	12 26
“ Clothing and Bed-		“ Soap and Oil,	22 25
ding,	80 64	“ Snuff and Tobacco,	10 55
“ Household Furni-		“ Pasturing Cow,	5 00
ture,	27 96	“ Medicine,	3 89
“ Farming Tools,	10 20	“ Spices and Mustard,	4 65
“ Fresh Meat,	38 39	“ Saleratus and Starch,	2 67
“ Pork and Ham,	60 97	“ Dr. Toothaker's bill,	12 00
“ Fish,	27 07	“ Funeral Expenses,	11 00

Paid for Repairs on Build-		Paid for Miscellaneous Ex-	
ings,	\$16 61	penses,	\$8 10
" Horse Hire,	9 15	" Labor Employed,	72 41
" 1 Yoke of Oxen,	200 00	" Salary of Supt.,	175 00
" 3 Cows,	124 00		
" 4 Shoats,	12 00	Total,	\$1,374 34

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By 1 Yoke of Oxen sold,	\$287 70	By Milk and Butter,	\$67 39
" 1 Cow and Calf,	68 00	" Poultry and Eggs,	6 87
" 1 Heifer,	34 11	" Wood and Lumber,	21 50
" Calves,	20 00	" Lard,	5 84
" Hide and Tallow,	7 12	" Labor of Supt and Team,	22 60
" Keeping Pedlers,	50 49	" Seeds, Berries, &c.,	12 14
" Board of S. Butters,	34 00		
" Potatoes,	62 22	Total,	\$699 98

Net Expense at the Almshouse, \$674 36

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Goods furnished Mrs. Wilcox,		\$36 40
" Doctor's Bill	" "	18 00
" Wood furnished	" "	34 49
" Goods	" Mrs. Ryan,	5 00
" " "	Reuben Butters,	5 00
" Doctor's Bill,	" "	1 75
Total,		\$100 64

Total Expense of Poor in and out of Almshouse, \$775 00

LEMUEL C. EAMES, }  
 OTHNIEL EAMES, } *Overseers of the Poor.*  
 JOHN R. NICKLES, }

WILMINGTON, February 1, 1867.



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Orders drawn for Expenses of the Poor,	\$775 00
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## EXPENSE OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Wm. H. Carter, services as Town Clerk,	\$28 55
" L. C. Eames, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,	50 00
" Othniel Eames, Overseer of Poor,	75 00
" John R. Nickles, " "	65 00
" Samuel B. Nichols, services as Treasurer and Collector,	100 00
" Levi Swain, Jr., services as Constable,	20 00
" Samuel H. Tolman, }	
" Sylvester Carter, Jr., } School Committee,	37 00
" Wm. H. Carter, }	
" Samuel B. Nichols, Supt. of Cemetery,	15 00
" " " " Town House,	35 00
" " " " Liquor Agent,	50 00
" C. L. Carter, Auditing Treasurer's Acct.	
" Wm. H. Carter, " " "	
" L. C. Eames, " " "	10 00
Total,	<u>\$485 55</u>

## REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

Paid for Lumber for Bridge near Henry Harnden's,	\$32 22
" Freight on Lumber,	1 81
" Spikes,	50
" Otis Carter for Labor,	40 00
" Fred. S. White, for Railing,	1 00
Total,	<u>\$75 53</u>

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid D. P. Brigham,	\$100 15
“ Hugh Murray,	90 13
“ Samuel B. Nichols,	117 45
“ Fred. S. White,	112 35
“ H. Brewster Nichols,	123 69
“ Wm. H. Carter, 2d,	80 35
Total,	<hr/> \$624 12

## BREAKING OUT ROADS.

Paid D. P. Brigham,	\$115 92
“ Hugh Murray,	120 00
“ Samuel B. Nichols,	103 06
“ Fred. S. White,	95 50
“ Wm. H. Carter 2d,	93 00
“ H. Brewster Nichols,	135 00
Total,	<hr/> \$662 48

## DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid North School District,	\$150 00
“ South “ “	150 00
“ Centre “ “	150 00
“ East* “ “	150 00
“ West “ “	150 00
Total,	<hr/> \$750 00

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Amount over assessed sundry persons,	\$39 90
Abatement on Tax List of 1864,	38 20
“ “ “ 1866,	56 58
“ of Highway Deficiency,	2 02
	<hr/> \$136 70

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid E. Marchant, printing Town Reports,	\$40 00
“ Walter Blanchard, for gravel, 1864,	2 40
“ Joshua Gowing, for breaking out road, 1865,	2 74

\* School not yet closed, now due, \$75 00

Paid Barney Kernon, extra Highwork, 1865,	\$4 00
" C. Morrill, returning deaths to Town Clerk,	2 00
" Dr. S. A. Toothaker, for record and return of births, 1865,	3 25
" " " " " " " " 1866,	3 00
" Express fees,	78
" School Books for indigent children,	2 43
" L. C. Eames, for journeys and expense out of town,	12 50
" Moving and underpinning hearse house,	7 00
" B. M. Hartshorn (legal counsel),	8 00
" Lamps for Town House,	8 00
" Fuel, lights and repairs, for Town House,	41 71
" Balance to Committee on Cemetery,	63 51

Total,	\$201 32
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By old bridge lumber and paint,	\$3 75
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\$197 57

*Amount of State Aid paid to the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Soldiers, and those partially disabled in the service. From Jan'y 1st, 1866, to Feb. 1st, 1867.*

Thomas A. Bancroft,	\$78 00
George H. Baird,	78 00
Mary Ann Chapman	8 00
Samuel Dustin,	130 00
Stephen Frye,	54 33
William Fortis,	78 00
Benjamin T. Glover,	78 00
Needhan C. Hunter,	78 00
John R. Nickles, Jr.,	78 00
Georgiana J. Pearson,	52 00
George O. Pearson,	78 00
Mary Ann Phelps,	104 00
Henry E. Stickney,	78 00
George W. Sidelinker,	78 00
Phebe F. Simpson,	52 00
Levi Swain, Jr.,	78 00
Daniel R. Upton, Guar.,	52 00
Eliza Upton,	104 00
Russell Upton,	78 00
Timothy D. Upton,	78 00
Total,	\$1,492 33

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	} Selectmen.
OTHNIEL EAMES,	
JOHN R. NICKLES,	

WILMINGTON, Feb. 1st, 1867.

*Dr.*

## SAMUEL B. NICHOLS, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR,

1866.

Feb. 14th,	To cash in Treasury on former settlement,	\$1,475 13
	“ Balance due on Tax List of 1860,	16 76
	“ “ “ “ “ 1861-2-3,	59 10
	“ “ “ “ “ 1865,	887 67
	“ Tax List of 1866 committed,	8,178 17
	“ Cash received for town's note issued,	5,513 00
	“ “ “ from State acc't. School Fund,	103 50
	“ “ “ “ Boston & Lowell Rail Road Co.,	80 90
	“ “ “ “ State Treasurer acc't. State Aid,	750 00
	“ “ “ “ State Treasurer, Corpor- ation Tax,	61 78
	“ “ “ “ for rent of Town Hall,	61 00
	“ “ “ “ lots in Cemetery,	68 25
	“ “ “ “ pedler's license,	9 00
	“ “ “ “ old lumber,	11 00
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		17,275 26

## IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON.

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1866.

Feb'y.	By cash paid sundry notes of the Town,	\$6,700 00
"	" " Town orders,	4,894 92
"	" " East School District,	200 00
"	" " North " "	100 00
"	" " Interest on Town debt,	808 40
"	" " refunded to subscribers for Volunteers,	30 00
"	" " School district proportion of State School Fund,	90 75
"	" " paid State Tax,	1,770 00
"	" " County Tax,	469 12
"	" " for pew in Church,	50 00
"	" " " Revenue stamps,	1 50
"	Balance due on tax 1860,	9 71
"	" " " " 1861-2-3,	59 10
"	" " " " 1865,	525 48
"	" " Cash in Treasury,	1,566 28

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 17,275 26

We, the undersigned, duly authorized by the Town, have this day examined the above account of Samuel B. Nichols, Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and sufficiently vouched for, and that there is due from him to the Town, fifteen hundred sixty-six  $\frac{20}{100}$  dollars.

CYRUS L. CARTER,	} Committee.
WM. H. CARTER,	
L. C. EAMES,	

WILMINGTON, Feb. 16th, 1867.



## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1866,	\$2,000 00
“ J. L. Carter, May 1, 1863,	1,000 00
“ “ “ “	1,500 00
“ Richard Carter, May 27, 1866,	800 00
“ Ex. High School Ass'n, 1864,	50 00
“ Simeon Jaquith, Guardian, Jan'y 10, 1867,	413 00
“ Moses Pearson, Aug. 11, 1866, balance,	400 00
“ L. H. Eames, March 27, 1865,	100 00
“ Mrs. Polly Parker, March 23, 1865,	138 00
“ Levi and Ward Parker, Executors, April 4, 1865,	926 46
“ Joseph J. Pearson, April 9, 1865,	500 00
“ Otis C. Buck, April 19, 1865,	200 00
“ L. H. Eames, April 24, 1865,	50 00
“ Abigail Burnap, May 1, 1865,	500 00
“ Joseph J. Pearson, Aug. 2, 1865,	500 00
“ Moses Pearson, Aug. 10, 1865,	2,000 00
“ Darius Buck, Aug. 9, 1865,	600 00
“ H. L. Bancroft, Sept. 9, 1865,	450 00
“ N. W. C. Carter, May 11, 1866,	1,000 00
“ Nathan E. Buck, May 24, 1866,	300 00
Outstanding Town Orders,	430 35
Due the East School District,	75 00
“ “ “ School Fund,	20 70
Amount to be refunded sundry individuals,	10 00
Balance due H. Buck, April 1, 1867,	261 16
Hugh Murray, for breaking roads,	120 00
Committee for settling with Treasurer,	10 00
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	\$14,354 67

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,566 28
Balance due on Tax List of 1860,	9 71
“ “ “ 1861, 2, and 3	59 10
“ “ “ 1865,	525 48
“ “ from State for moneys advanced to families of Volunteers to Jan'y 1, 1867,	1,368 33
“ “ for use of Town Hall,	30 00
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	\$3,558 90
Total amount of indebtedness over all available assets,	\$10,795 77

## LIQUOR AGENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

To cash due the Agent on former settlement,	14 47
“ paid for Liquors as per bills,	215 91

To Cash paid Commission and analyzing the same,	\$18 51
“ “ Transportation on the same,	6 35
“ “ Government License,	25 00
“ “ Agent's Salary,	50 00
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	\$330 24
By cash received for liquors sold,	275 41
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Balance due Agent,	\$54 83
Stock of Liquors on hand,	45 00
Fixtures “ “	7 47
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	\$52 47

WILMINGTON, Feb. 1st., 1867.

S. B. NICHOLS, Agent.

LIST OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES DURING THE YEAR 1866.

BIRTHS,

20

DEATHS.

Loami Richardson,	Died Aug. 29,	Aged 73 years
Caleb Nichols,	“ Feb. 5,	“ 56 “
Paul Upton,	“ Feb. 13,	“ 72 “
Mary Harnden,	“ Feb. 15,	“ 80 “
Amos Knight,	“ April 8,	“ 90 “
Caleb Eames,	“ April 8,	“ 67 “
William Ryans,	“ June 18,	“ 85 “
Amera Buck,	“ Sept. 2,	“ 62 “
Carrie Gowing,	“ Sept. 24,	“ 1 mo.
Katie Gowing,	“ Sept. 30,	“ 1 “
Jonathan Eames	“ Oct. 10,	“ 66 years
Rhoda M. White,	“ Nov. 22,	“ 56 “

MARRIAGES.

William Wentworth and Sophia Carter,	Married Jan. 17
Daniel Eldridge and Mary E. Wentworth,	“ Feb. 14
George Milligan and Mary E. Eames,	“ April 26
John McDonald and Esther E. Perry,	“ April 30
Willie R. Butters and Elizabeth Allen,	“ April 26
Thomas B. Flagg and Lydia M. Cole,	“ May 28
George L. Taylor and Julia Ann Avery,	“ May 30
Joshua Gowing, Jr., and Mary W. Gustin,	“ June 10
Eleazer W. Davis and Angie Hale,	“ Nov. 1
Henry W. Eames and Olive S. Mead,	“ Nov. 28

WM. H. CARTER, Clerk.

# REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR 1866-7.

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### CENTRE DISTRICT.

Miss Elena A. Eames taught this school during the summer term, with great success. Entire satisfaction was given, both to the Committee and the district. The government was strict, and yet kind; the method of teaching, such as to stimulate and interest. This was, in short, one of the very best terms this school has ever enjoyed.

The winter term was taught by Mrs. Sarah Keith. Mrs. Keith's methods of instruction are perhaps better adapted to more advanced scholars. But after teacher and scholars had become acquainted with each other, and points of order were well settled, the school went on very successfully. Particular attention was paid to Grammar, and with very promising results. Under the head of "Deportment," in the Register, the only marks of *censurable behavior* applying to the general conduct, appear against the names of two of the *largest* scholars. The marks are just.

### NORTH DISTRICT.

Miss Harriet A. Pearson, of Lawrence, began the summer term, but, at the expiration of four weeks, by advice of the Committee, she gave up the school.

The term was commenced again by Miss Tingly, at the conclusion of her summer term in the West District, and carried forward to its close with her usual marked success. No school could show better results of thorough training and experienced management.

Miss Thirzah E. Jaquith took charge during the winter term, and performed her labors with commendable exertion. The examination was in many respects quite satisfactory, while, if anything, there was the lack of a strong controlling influence over the scholars. This affected the order somewhat, and diminished the interest which the pupils would otherwise have felt in their studies. And yet there was no want of effort on the part of their teacher, or failure to administer discipline.

#### SOUTH DISTRICT.

The school in this district has been favored with the services of Miss Lucelia A. Butters another year. She has been, if possible, more successful than ever before. The reading and writing in this school are worthy of particular mention. An excellence was reached in both those branches, seldom attained in a district school. An exercise in questions upon miscellaneous topics, engaged in by the whole school, — the answers being given in concert, — was very interesting. The school in all respects has been a most profitable one.

#### EAST DISTRICT.

The winter term in this district is still in session, at the time of writing this Report. Miss Rebecca Eames, teacher, both terms. With experience and thorough qualification in all respects, in the teacher, this school could hardly be otherwise than excellent. Everything goes on quietly and cheerfully, but with a direct and unswerving aim at the great end in view, viz., a true education. The examination in the summer was a rich treat, in the variety, as well as thoroughness of the exercises. The map-drawing on the black-boards was especially attractive. The school-house in this district has been much improved in appearance. Other districts would do well to take pattern.

#### WEST DISTRICT.

Miss Lucy Tingley still presides over the school in this district, and with no less satisfaction to all concerned than in former years. Here, too, the reading, as in the South District, can hardly be too highly praised. The same may be said of the writing-books. It is a real pleasure to visit Miss Tingley's school at any time. But examination day sums up the whole, and gives the visitors evidence of great diligence and fidelity on the part of the teacher, and the deepest interest, and most decided progress on the part of the scholars. The gymnastic exercises added not a little to all the rest. Miss Tingley's abilities as a teacher are of the very finest order.



In taking our annual survey of the schools, we can but see the good effects of securing, in so many instances, the same teachers heretofore employed. While this cannot always be done it should be aimed at. A teacher after one term's experience becomes every way better qualified, not only for teaching in general, but for teaching that particular school. The disposition and wants of each scholar are thoroughly studied, and the interests of the school are planned for, and carried forward from one term to another, as they cannot be by a transient teacher, however competent.

We are happy to state that more attention has been given to Reading, Spelling and Penmanship in our schools than ever before. And the good results of all that has been said on these subjects, are now beginning to appear. The Reading of some of the pupils in the districts already referred to, the South and West, was remarkably perfect in emphasis, moderation, distinctness and the observing of the pauses. We hope all our schools will come up to a high standard, in these and the other more common branches, which have been hitherto too much neglected.

There is still need of urging upon parents a hearty co-operation with teachers, by visiting the schools during term time. We fear there is not so much of this done of late, as a few years ago. Every parent, both father and mother, should make it a point to visit the school in his district, at least once during each term, and oftener if possible. Such visits do assist the teacher and encourage the scholar in a silent but effective way. Parents should be reminded, too, of the great injury they do both to teacher and school, by removing their children from the school before its close, because of some fancied wrong done those children. This is a great unkindness to a teacher. It tends to undermine a teacher's influence and authority over the rest of the scholars. Better go to the teacher with the grievance, if the case be one requiring it, or to the Committee, and have the matter put right, as it almost always can be, in that way. Parents should not be too sensitive, or encourage any such feelings in their children. Teachers must bear a great deal, and why should not parents also?

As was said in last year's Report, there ought to be more money appropriated by the town for school purposes. The same amount of money does not furnish the same schooling it did six years ago. Teachers' wages are higher, as indeed they ought to be. Board is higher. It costs more every way to support our schools. It is poor economy to look for cheap teachers. Such teachers are *cheap* indeed, or rather they are the most expensive. It is for the town's interest in every



point of view to increase the amount voted for our schools. We must do it, not only that there may be no falling off in the means of education afforded our children, but that they may have more schooling. They need it. They will abundantly reward us for it. What we do for them in this respect we shall never regret.

It is important to call attention in this Report to the Resolve passed by our Legislature last winter, entitled, "An act concerning the Distribution of the School Fund." It is as follows: "In the distribution of the income of the School Fund, for the benefit of the public schools of the State, every city and town complying with all laws in force, relating to the distribution of the same, shall annually receive seventy-five dollars; and the residue of said moiety shall annually be apportioned among the several cities and towns, in proportion to the number of children in each, between the ages of five and fifteen years; *provided*, that after the distribution of said moiety of income, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, no city or town in which the district system exists shall receive the seventy-five dollars herein specifically appropriated." (P. 42, Chap. 208, Gen. Laws and Resolves, &c., 1866.)

It will be seen by this Act that after the year 1869, we shall lose the chief benefit of the School Fund, unless we abolish the district system. This in itself is a very strong reason why we should do away with that system. There can be no question that our schools would be far more successful were the whole management of them put directly under the care of the Superintending Committee, while the town takes the sole charge of the several schoolhouses. The Superintending Committee have a partial responsibility in the matter of teachers. Why should they not do all that is to be done about teachers? They would not then, as now, often feel obliged to approbate a teacher not competent, because it is too late to secure another, or because they desire to regard the feelings of this and that prudential committee, or to save trouble in the district. How much more simple and business-like the whole thing would be for the Superintending Committee to search out the best teachers, hire them, approve them, and examine and report upon their work. If this committee are not faithful in any and every part of this whole duty, let the town remove them, and put in others, as they do in regard to their other officers. Again, how much more simple and business-like for the town to locate and build the schoolhouses, repair them as occasion requires, and all this by a direct responsibility and oversight, just as they do their other town business. How much easier, and less complicated, and how much more likely that the needed schoolhouses will be built, furnished, repaired, &c., in this way

than when all this is undertaken through the cumbersome and jealous state sovereignties of half a dozen districts. It is a consideration of some importance that all the cities in the Commonwealth, and nearly all the large towns, and not a few of the small ones, have abolished the district system, and in every case the substitution of the town system has given general satisfaction. There is no desire to go back to the old way. We have no doubt that this would be our experience if we only have the enterprise and courage to make the change.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. TOLMAN,  
SYLVESTER CARTER, JR.,  
WILLIAM H. CARTER,  
*Superintending School Committee.*

WILMINGTON, February 13, 1867.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

OF THE

Town of Wilmington,

FROM FEB. 1, 1867, TO FEB. 1, 1868;

AND THE

Report of the School Committee,

FOR THE

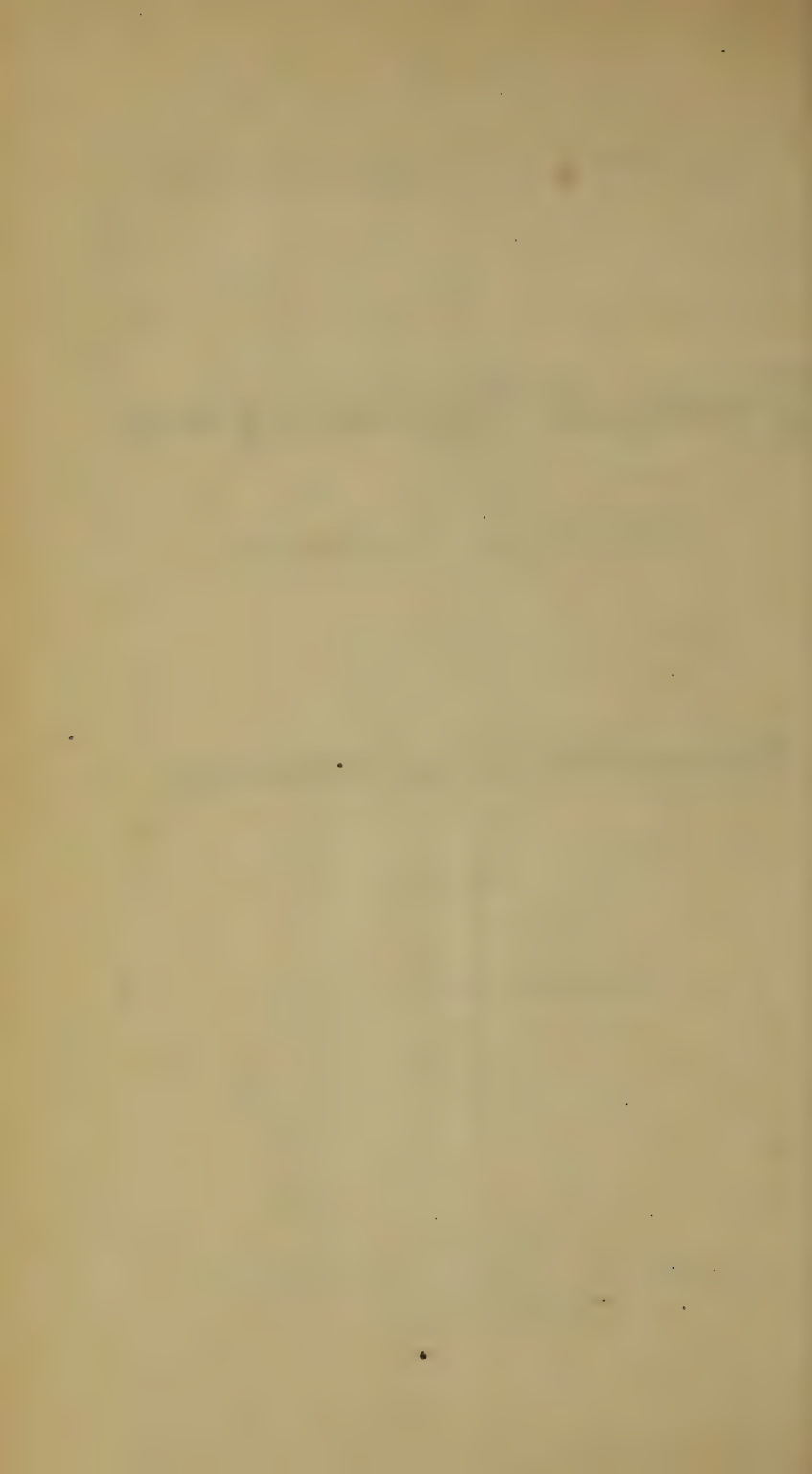
SCHOOL-YEAR 1867-8.



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## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

### *Names and Ages of the Inmates of the Alms-house:—*

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Betsey Tweed,	82 “
Frederick Butters,	72 “
Lucy Alexander,	64 “
Louisa Burt,	63 “
Fanny Butters,	27 “
Albert Carter,	48 “
John B. Bancroft,	25 “
Elbridge Butters,	62 “
Rosanna Butters,	42 “
Simeon Butters,	9 “
Eliza J. Butters,	4 “
James S. Butters,	1 “
William E. Richardson,	31 “
Whole number during the year	15
Average number	12½
Present number	10

155 Lodgings, and 285 Meals have been furnished destitute travellers.

### *Expense at the Alms-house:—*

To cash paid for flour and grain,	\$398 31
“ clothing and bedding	57 16
“ boots and shoes	12 62
“ farming tools	12 64
Amount carried forward	\$480 73



Amount brought forward,	\$480 73	
To cash paid for fresh and salt meat,	29 49	
“ fresh and salt fish,	27 34	
“ household furniture,	23 06	
“ baker’s bread,	6 94	
“ seed oats and grass seed,	10 95	
“ W. I. goods and groceries,	94 13	
“ repairs and blacksmithing,	36 89	
“ spirituous liquors,	3 75	
“ standing grass and hay,	32 26	
“ snuff and tobacco,	12 59	
“ labor,	39 75	
“ swine and fowls,	8 40	
“ miscellaneous expenses,	25 18	
“ horse hire and car fare,	13 15	
“ Dr. Toothaker, medical attendance	22 50	
“ Dr. Drew, for attending F. Butters,	26 00	
“ salary of superintendent	200 00—	
Total		\$1093 11

## CREDIT.

By calves sold	54 62	
butter sold	117 53	
milk,	14 49	
lard,	6 67	
poultry and eggs,	12 10	
berries,	34 20	
produce,	20 64	
labor,	24 60	
hyde and tallow,	9 80	
keeping pedlars,	63 02	
board of S. Butters,	46 00—	403 67
Net expenses at Alms-house		689 44

Amount brought forward \$689 44

*Expenses of Poor out of Almshouse:—*

Wood furnished Mrs. Wilcox,	51 13	
“ James Bonds,	6 50—	57 63
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Net expense in and out of Alms-house,		747 07

LEMUEL C. EAMES, } OVERSEERS  
JOHN R. NICHOLAS } OF THE POOR.

WILMINGTON, February 1st, 1868.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Orders drawn for Expense of the Poor, \$747 10

*Expense of Town Officers :—*

Paid Wm. H. Carter, services as Town Clerk,	15 00	
Making record of births and deaths,	12 00	
Lemuel C. Eames, as selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	75 00	
Othniel Eames do., do., do.,	56 00	
John R. Nickles, do., do., do.,	70 00	
Warren Eames, services as Treasurer and Collector,	100 00	
Levi Swain, jun., as Constable,	20 00	
Samuel H. Tolman, and Sylvester Carter, jun., as School Committee,	37 00	
C. L. Carter, auditing Treasurer's accounts,	6 00—	1138 10

*Expenses of Roads repaired by the direction of the Surveyors of Highways :—*

Paid Jonathan Carter, 2d	47 10	
Charles Hopkins,	20 00	
Horatio N. Eames,	26 00	
Horace Sheldon,	68 50	
Frederick S. White,	99 00	
James R. Pearson,	53 00	
Sylvester Carter,	43 00	
George T. Eames,	158 50	
Elbridge B. Carter,	50 76	
Daniel Gowing,	74 80	
Solon L. Johnson,	43 00	
Amounts carried forward	683 66—	1138 10

Amount brought forward	683 66	\$1138 10
Edward Mears,	28 00	
Charles S. Brigden,	26 00—	737 66
Extra expense for relaying culverts and railing causeways,	60 93	
Asa G. Sheldon, for gravel,	30 00—	90 93
S. B. Nichols, as Superintendent of Cemetery,	10 00	
S. B. Nichols, do., do., Town House,	15 00	
Ditto for wood, oil, repairs, &c.,	35 08—	60 08

*Distribution of School Money :—*

Paid North School District,	200 00	
South           “	200 00	
Centre         “	200 00	
East           “	200 00	
West           “	200 00—	1000 00

*Abatement of Taxes :—*

Amount over assessed sundry persons.	49 22	
Abated on Tax List of 1867,	20 83	
Do., do., 1866,	55 36	
Do., do., 1860,	9 71—	135 12
Amount paid for release of land wrong- fully assessed and sold for taxes,		60 38
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> 3,222 27

Amount brought forward,

3222 27

*Miscellaneous Expenses :—*

Paid C. P. Judd, legal advice,	12 00	
For printing Town Reports,	40 00	
"    Guide Boards,	4 54	
"    School Books, for the use of Teachers and Poor Children,	7 39	
Perambulating Town line	1 00	
C. Morrell, Return of Deaths to Town Clerk,	75	
J. R. Nickles, journey out of town,	3 00	
C. L. Carter, do. to Hopkinton, N. H.,	7 40	
Express fees and postages,	1 51	
Stationery,	1 54—	79 13

*Amount of State aid paid to the Widows and  
Orphans of deceased Soldiers, and those  
partially disabled in the Service:—*

George W. Sidelinker,	18 00	
Levi Swain, jun.,	18 00	
George O. Pearson,	18 00	
Benjamin Glover,	18 00	
Thomas A. Bancroft,	18 00	
Needham C. Hunter,	18 00	
Ann Chapman,	96 00	
Eliza A. Upton,	96 00	
Stephen Frye,	120 00	
Phœbe F. Simpson	48 00	
Russell Upton,	18 00	
Timothy D. Upton,	18 00	
William Fortis,	18 00	
Amounts carried forward,	522 00—	3301 40



Amounts brought forward,	522 00	3301 40
J. R. Nickles,	18 00	
George H. Baird,	18 00	
H. E. Stickney,	18 00	
Mary A. Phelps,	96 00	
Samuel Dustin,	120 00	
Georgiana J. Pearson,	48 00	
D. R. Upton, guardian,	48 00—	888 00
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		\$4,189 40

LEMUEL C. EAMES, | SELECTMEN OF  
J. R. NICKLES, | WILMINGTON.

WILMINGTON, February 1st, 1868.

### LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

*Town of Wilmington in account with S. B. Nichols, Agent.*

CR.

By cash received for liquor sold, \$152 19

DR.

To cash paid out on liquors, 78 17  
" salary of Agent, 50 00— 128 17

Balance in hand, 24 02

*Stock of Liquor and Fixtures on hand:—*

Liquor on hand, \$10 00  
Fixtures " 4 47— 14 47

## WARREN EAMES, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT

1867,

DR.

Feb.—To cash in Treasury on former settlement,	\$1566 28
Balance due on Tax list of 1860,	9 71
“ 1861, 1862, and 1863,	59 10
“ 1866,	525 48
Tax list of 1866 committed,	9,838 27
Cash received for Town's Notes issued,	860 00
Received of James Skelton, taxes of 1865 and 1866,	110 16
“ State Treasurer, on account of aid to families of volunteers,	1101 27
“ State Treasurer, for Corporation Tax	89 41
“ from State School Fund,	128 14
“ for interest on taxes,	59 59
“ Rent of Town Hall	97 25
“ Pedlers' Licenses,	3 00
“ Lots in Cemetery,	42 00
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	\$14,489 66

## WITH THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON.

1867-8

CR.

By cash paid sundry Notes of the Town,	\$1,450 00
“ Town Orders,	4,746 98
“ on Town's debt,	872 89
“ on account of School fund,	71 94
“ State Tax,	2,950 00
“ County Tax,	525 41
“ Stationery,	1 00
“ State Sealer of Weights and Measures,	7 50
Balance due on Tax lists of 1861, 1862, and 1863,	59 10
“ 1866,	41 48
“ 1867,	239 85
Cash in Treasury,	3,523 51
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	\$14,489 66



The undersigned, duly authorized by the Town, has this day examined the above account of WARREN EAMES, Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and sufficiently vouched for, and that there is due from him to the Town thirty five hundred and twenty three dollars and fifty one cents.

CYRUS L. CARTER, Committee.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 20th, 1868.

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to Henry Buck, dated April 10, 1867,	\$200 00
High School Associates, May 3, 1867,	60 00
Mrs. Lavinia A. Avery, June 29th, 1867,	100 00
Thomas D. Bond, June 29, 1867,	500 00
Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1866,	2,000 00
J. L. Carter, May 1, 1863,	1,000 00
Do., do.,	1,500 00
Rich Carter, May 27, 1866	800 00
Simeon Jaquith, Guardian, Jan. 10th, 1867	413 00
L. H. Eames, March 27th, 1865	100 00
Mrs. Polly Parker, March 23rd, 1865	138 00
Levi & Ward Parker, Executors, April 4, 1865	926 46
Otis C. Buck, April 19, 1865	200 00
L. H. Eames, April 24, 1865	50 00
Abigail Burnap, May 1, 1865	500 00
Moses Pearson, Aug. 10, 1865	2,000 00
Darius Buck, Aug. 9, 1865	600 00
H. L. Bancroft, Sept. 9, 1865	450 00
N. W. C. Carter, May 11, 1866	1,000 00
Nathan E. Buck, May 24, 1866	300 00
Outstanding Town Orders,	200 00
Due three School Districts account, State School Fund	76 89
Balance due Henry Buck, April 1, 1868,	150 00
Due Surveyors of Highways,	230 00
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	13,494 35

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$3,523 51
Balance due on Tax List of 1861,	
1862, and 1863,	59 10
Amount due from the State for monies	
advanced to families of volunteers	690
from Jan. 1, 1867, to Feb. 1, 1868,	8 0—
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	4,478 61
Total amount of indebtedness over available assets,	\$9,015 64

# Report of the School Committee

## FOR THE SCHOOL-YEAR 1867-8.

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In looking back over the course of the school year now closing, your committee are happy to speak of more than ordinary prosperity in educational matters. In regard to teachers we have been very fortunate. Three of them, Miss Rebecca Eames in the East District, Miss Lucelia A. Butters in the South, and Miss Elona A. Eames in the Centre, have been long and favorably known among us. They have been thoroughly tried, and we hesitate not to say that they have "attained unto the first three" among teachers anywhere. We have heretofore spoken in our Reports of the particular excellencies of each, and the success which has crowned their labors, and shall not therefore, repeat what has before been said of them and their schools. Nothing has been more evident in connection with their continued services in town, than the importance of securing the same teachers, so far as possible from year to year.

In the North District, Miss Carrie E. Wood taught in the summer, and her sister, Miss Mary P. Wood in the fall. Both are superior and experienced teachers, and were much beloved by parents and scholars. Could either of them be secured as a permanent teacher, we have no doubt there would soon be infused into the



scholars in this District, more genuine love for study, and more enthusiasm and determination to excel. This intense interest in study above play, above "good times," and above every other concern is much more manifest in some of our districts, than it used to be. It has not of late been so manifest among the North District scholars as we could wish.

In the West District, also, we have had two good, faithful teachers, Miss Mary V. R. Williams of Stoneham, in the summer, and Miss Eliza J. Norris of Reading, in the winter. It was refreshing to witness Miss Williams' power and success in the explanation of principles. She made even young scholars understand those principles. And not only so, they could explain them to others. In the strictest sense of the term, she was a thorough teacher. It was a great disappointment to all, that ill health prevented her return in the winter. Miss Norris entered on her work with full preparation. Considering that this was her first experience in teaching, she was quite successful. Rarely does one at so early an age accomplish so much. The school in the West is small, and it is a pity that it could not be incorporated with some other portion of the town. By this means two poor school-houses might give way to one new, larger and more suitable edifice.

The schools have not been visited so faithfully by parents as they should have been. This was particularly noticed by Mr. Phipps, Agent of the Mass. Board of Education at his late visit here. He commented on this failure of parents, to look after their schools with a good deal of severity. We do hope his remarks will sink deep into the ears and hearts of the fathers and men of this community. These remarks were none too severe. Hardly a father, except in the North District, ever takes

the trouble to enter the school room, where his children spend so large and so important a part of their time. *This ought not so to be.* It is a wrong done to your children—a wrong done to yourselves, thus to neglect your schools. As was said in our last Report,—“Every parent, both father and mother, should make it a point to visit the school in his district, at least once each term, and oftener if possible.”

A good effect has been produced, the past year, by the increased appropriation of the town for school purposes. Although we have had but little more than the former length of schools, some seven months, yet the teachers have been better paid, and so have labored more hopefully and earnestly. And it is inspiring to the whole community to know that the town prizes her schools, and is determined to provide for them. And so it will be in the future, if we are mindful to take good care of our schools. The money expended on our schools and school-houses is one of the very best investments we can make. And the Committee earnestly hope that the town will feel more and more the importance of making liberal appropriations for her own children in the matter of education. These appropriations have reference both to schools and school-houses.

We are still very far behind the other towns in Middlesex County, in the great matter of education. By the last Statistical Tables, showing the comparative amount of money appropriated by the different towns in the various counties for the education of each child between five and fifteen years of age, we find that Wilmington stands very near the foot of the class. Of fifty-two towns in Middlesex Co., fifty appropriate more money for each child than Wilmington does. And by another Table, showing the percentages of taxable prop-

erty appropriated for schools, we learn that Wilmington taxes herself *one mill and thirty-three one hundredths* per cent, for the education of her children ; forty-nine towns out of fifty-two in the County doing better than that.

Now in view of these statistics, no one ought to wonder that your Committee speak so often in their Report of the importance of doing more for the support of our schools.

In our last year's Report, we called attention to the subject of abolishing the District system, and putting the whole care of the schools and school-houses into the hands of the town. We would remind the town that according to statute quoted in that Report, unless we do thus abolish the district system, we shall, after this year, lose the annual appropriation of seventy-five dollars from the State Fund. There can be no doubt that the entire State will eventually be brought to the necessity of adopting one uniform policy on the subject, and that will be the municipal, in place of the district system. The few towns which decline to abolish their districts, of their own accord, will be compelled to do so by act of legislation. The sooner we do so, the sooner shall we become accustomed to the change, and the better it will be for the cause of education throughout the town.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. TOLMAN,	} SUPERINTENDING
WM. H. CARTER,	
SYLVESTER CARTER, Jr.	
	SCH. COM.

WILMINGTON, FEB. 14th, 1868.

# RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

OF THE

## Town of Wilmington,

FROM FEB. 1, 1868, TO FEB. 1, 1869.

AND THE

## Report of the School Committee,

FOR THE

SCHOOL-YEAR 1868-9.

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BOSTON:

PRINTED BY CHARLES C. P. MOODY,  
52 WASHINGTON STREET.





## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### *Names and Ages of the Inmates of the Alms-house :—*

Lydia Emerson,	* 92 years.
Nancy Alexander,	80 “
Betsey Tweed,	83 “
Frederick Butters,	73 “
Lucy Alexander,	65 “
Louise Burtt,	64 “
Albert Carter,	49 “
William E. Richardson,	† 32 “
Fanny Butters,	28 “
John Bancroft,	26 “
Whole number during the year,	11
Present number,	9
Average number,	9 9-10

\* Died Dec. 18, 1868.

† Left March 30, 1868.

### *Expense at the Alms-house :—*

To Cash paid for flour and grain,	\$382 84
“ groceries,	171 74
“ salt pork,	38 81
“ fresh meat,	44 07
“ “ and salt fish,	22 37
“ “ bakers’ bread,	7 70
“ “ vegetables,	4 60
“ drugs and medicines,	5 72

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Amount forwarded, \$677 85

Amount brought forward,	\$677 85	
To cash paid for spirituous liquors,	2 97	
“ snuff and tobacco,	11 81	
“ soap,	23 73	
“ boots and shoes,	18 05	
“ dry goods and clothing,	54 62	
“ wooden ware,	5 81	
“ glass, tin and earthen ware,	10 03	
“ grass and garden seeds,	7 70	
“ hay,	77 25	
“ farming tools,	3 80	
“ labor,	78 87	
“ repairs on house and pump,	16 90	
“ nails,	2 02	
“ horse hire and car fare,	10 45	
“ blacksmith bill,	15 87	
“ millers bill,	3 00	
“ live stock;	10 00	
“ Dr Toothaker, medical attendance	1 00	
“ salary of Superintendent,	200 00	
“ miscellaneous,	8 61	
“ expenses for burial of Lydia Emerson,	14 25—	
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		\$1254 59

## C R E D I T .

By two cows sold,	110 00	
calves sold,	20 50	
produce,	76 27	
butter and milk,	56 94	
keeping pedlars,	39 90	
lard and eggs,	12 00	
labor of sup't. and team,	85 75	
junk, bbls. and ashes,	5 70	
feathers,	2 40	
board of S. Butters,	21 00—	430 46

Net expenses at Alms-house,	<hr/> \$824 13
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Amount forward, \$824 13

*Expenses of Poor out of Alms-house:—*

To the family of Reuben Butters

Paid G. Munroe for medical attendance, 17 00

S. A. Toothaker, for do. 7 00

funeral expenses of two children, 21 50

supplies furnished, 15 03

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60 53

wood furnished James Bonds, 7 50

“ “ Mrs. Wilcox 6 50— 74 53

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Net expenses in and out of the Alms-house. \$898 66

THOMAS P. EAMES, } Overseers  
JOHN R. NICKLES, } of  
WARREN EAMES, } the Poor.

WILMINGTON, FEB. 10, 1869.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Orders drawn for Expense of the Poor, \$898 66

Paid Wm. H. Carter, services as Town Clerk,	\$15 00
Making record of births and deaths and return of same to the Sec. of the Commonwealth,	6 30
Thos. P. Eames, as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	75 00
John R. Nickles, do. do.	75 00
Warren Eames, do. do.	70 00
Warren Eames for services as Treasurer and Collector,	100 00
Levi Swain, Jr., as Constable,	20 00
S. H. Tolman and Sylvester Carter, Jr., as School Committee,	32 50
For auditing the Treasurer's ac't,	10 00— \$403 80

*Expenses of Roads repaired under the direction of Surveyors of Highways :—*

Paid Simeon Jaqueth,	\$58 65
Charles Hopkins,	32 00
F. S. White,	15 00
Wm. H. Boutwell,	33 00
Chas. M. Gowing,	56 20
Jonathan Carter, 2d,	29 70
James K. Pearson,	66 70
H. N. Eames,	40 50
Amounts forwarded,	\$331 75— 1302 46

Amounts brought forward, \$331 75—\$1302 46

Solon L. Johnson,	60 70	
J. B. Morris,	105 50	
Daniel Gowing,	2 00	
Henry Sheldon,	111 50	
Sylvester Carter,	15 35	
O A. Carter,	137 00	
Levi Swain, Jr.,	127 35	
Edward Mears,	70 75	
Chas. M. Gowing,	16 70—	978 60

*Repairs of Bridges :—*

Paid O. Hastings, for lumber,	23 08	
T. P. Eames, for labor,	30 80—	53 88

*Law Expenses :*

Paid Sweetzer & Gardner,		
Sandy Pond Case,	150 00	
Case M. M. Carter, vs. Town,	77 00	
8 Journeys to Boston and Lowell,		
by T. P. Eames,	15 00	
Expense for witnesses,	29 72	
R. W. Baker, for surveying and		
attendance at Court,	20 00—	291 72

*Distribution of School Money as paid :*

Paid North School District,	200 00	
South   "       "	200 00	
East     "       "	200 00	
West    "       "	160 00	
Centre  "       "	100 00—	860 00

Amount forwarded, \$3486 66



Amount brought forward, \$3486 66

*Miscellaneous Expenses:*

Paid Mrs. Sabra Carter for storage of hearse,	\$ 6 00	
Printing Town Reports,	25 00	
Levi Swain, for removing insane pauper,	2 00	
William Beard, money refunded,	10 00	
T. P. Eames, 3 journeys to Tewksbury,	4 50	
Eldad Butters for attending John Bond,	12 25	
C. L. Carter for two journeys to Boston,	5 00	
For Record Book, stationery, expressage, and postage,	19 71	
S. B. Nichols, Supt. Cemetery,	8 00	
“ for charge of Town House,	15 00	
“ for wood, oil, &c.,	27 60—	135 06

*Abatement of Taxes:—*

Amount over assessed sundry persons,	17 17	
Abated on Tax List of 1861,	16 02	
“ “ 1862,	10 31	
“ “ 1863,	18 14	
“ “ 1866,	6 94	
“ “ 1867,	4 00—	72 58

Amount forwarded, \$3,694 30

Amount brought forward, \$3,694 30

*Amount of State Aid paid to the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, and those partially disabled in the service :—*

Stephen Frye,	120 00	
Samuel Dustin,	120 00	
Widow Mary A. Phelps,	96 00	
“ Mary Ann Chapman,	96 00	
Daniel R. Upton, Guardian,	48 00	
Georgiana J. Pearson,	5 75	
Widow Ambrose Upton,	96 00	
“ Phebe M. Simpson,	48 00—	629 75
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		\$4,324 05

THOMAS P. EAMES, } Selectmen  
JOHN R. NICKLES, } of  
WARREN EAMES } Wilmington.

Wilmington, Feb. 1, 1869.

### STATEMENT OF BOOKS,

Purchased by School Committee for Schools of the Town,  
with the quantity on hand.

Amount paid for Books,		113 53
CR. — By books furnished indigent children, and the Desks of Schools,	4 70	
By books on hand,	74 30—	79 00
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		34 53
Commission,		7 81
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		\$26 72

This amount has been paid into the Treasury since settlement.

### DOG LICENSES.

The Town Clerk has paid the County Treasurer for  
Licenses for Dogs the present year, 81 60

## WARREN EAMES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

1869,

Dr.

Feb.—To cash in Treasury on former settlement,	\$3523 51
Balance due on Tax list 1861, 2, and 3,	59 10
“ “ 1866,	41 48
“ “ 1867,	239 85
Tax list of 1868 committed	6533 82
“ “ “ North School District	419 89
Cash received for Town's Notes issued	2950 00
“ “ of State, on account of State Aid,	840 00
“ “ “ Corporation Tax,	66 76
“ “ “ from School Fund,	108 15
“ “ Interest on Taxes,	44 75
“ “ Use of Town Hall,	53 63
“ “ lots in Cemetery,	24 00
“ “ for Pedlers' licenses,	3 00
“ “ on act. Liquor License,	26 77
“ “ Refunded by Nichols Winn & Co.	14 24
“ “ “ Wm. H. Carter,	1 50
“ “ “ for aid heretofore furnished,	7 50

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 \$14,957 95

## IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON.

1869.	Cr.	
Feb.—By cash paid sundry	Notes of the Town,	\$4800 00
“ “	Town Orders,	4803 05
“ “	“ “ for No. School Dis.	400 00
“ “	Interest on Town Debt,	813 23
“ “	on account State School Fund,	72 87
“ “	State Tax,	1180 00
“ “	County Tax,	544 18
“	Balance due on Tax List 1868,	256 72
“	Cash in Treasury,	2087 90
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		\$14,957 95

The undersigned duly authorized by the Town, have this day examined the above account of Warren Eames, Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast, and sufficiently vouched for, and that there is due from him to the Town, Two Thousand and Eighty-Seven Dollars and Ninety Cents.

C. L. CARTER,  
WM. H. CARTER,  
THOMAS P. EAMES, } Committee.

WILMINGTON, FEB. 1869.



## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to High School Associates, May 3, 1867,	\$ 60 00
Mrs. Lavinia A. Avery, June 29, 1867,	100 00
Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1866,	2,000 00
J. L. Carter, May 1, 1863,	1,500 00
Rich Carter, May 27, 1866,	800 00
Simeon Jaquith, Guardian, Jan. 10, 1867,	413 00
Mrs. Polly Parker, Mar. 23, 1865,	138 00
Levi & Ward Parker, Executors, Apr. 4, 1865,	926 46
Otis C. Buck, Apr. 19, 1865,	200 00
Abigail Burnap, May 1, 1865,	500 00
Moses Pearson, Aug. 10, 1865,	2,000 00
Darius Buck, Aug 9, 1865,	600 00
Nathan E. Buck, May 24, 1866,	300 00
Lucy T. Avery, May 6, 1868,	200 00
Sarah J. Buck, June 1, 1868,	200 00
Levi & Ward Parker, Executors, June 10, '68,	1,050 00
Outstanding Town Orders,	10 00
Amount due the Centre School District,	100 00
"        West        "	40 00
Due Surveyors of Highways,	252 00
Due the School Districts on account of School Fund,	112 14
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	\$11,501 60

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$2,087 90
Balance due on Tax List of 1868,	256 72
Amount due from the State for monies advanced to families of volunteers from Jan. 1, 1868, to Feb. 1, 1869,	737 75
Due by the town of Teswbury,	12 25—3,094 62
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Total amount of indebtedness over available assets,	\$8,407,98



# STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

*Births Registered in Wilmington, 1868.*

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Date of Birth.
1	George Wm. Frost,	Wm. A. and Phebe E.,	Feb. 17, 1868.
2	Almond E. Simpson,	Charles L. and Sarah J.,	Mar. 12, "
3	George L. Taylor,	George L. and Julia Ann,	May 9, "
4	Willard L. Lowe,	Timothy and Mary L.,	" 15, "
5	Harry T. Harnden,	Otis and Mary L.,	" 24, "
6	Hellen H. Buck,	Otis C. and Caroline,	" 22, "
7	Harrison Bancroft,	Thomas A. and Mary E.,	Apr. 30, "
8	Anna F. Butters,	Stephen O. and N. A.,	July 5, "
9	Carrie M. Blanchard,	John O. and Maria V.,	Aug. 19, "
10	Elbridge G. Gowling,	Jona. H. and Mary J.,	Sept. 6, "
11	Ethel L. Taylor,	John A. and Mary E.,	" 15, "
12	Susan E. Putnam,	Wm. H. and Mary E.,	Oct. 18, "
13	Frank D. Cook,	George T. and Jerusha C.,	Nov. 9, "
14	Grace Sidelinker,	George W. and Mary A.,	" 25, "
15	Walter A. Eames,	George T. and Lucy E.,	Dec. 7, "
16	Edward B. Pearson,	Edmund D. and Frances H.,	Feb. 5, 1869.

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON, 1868.

No.	Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.	Condition	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Disease or cause of Death
1	Feb 25	Minnie P. Bancroft,	8m. 11d.	Single.	Wilmington.	Thomas A. and Mary P.	Scarlet Fever.
2	Mar 16	George T. Carter,	22y. 8m. 25d.	Single.	Burlington,	William and Susan A.,	Congestion of Lungs
3	Apr 16	Rachel D. Tolman,	74y. 1m. 25d.	Widow.	Wayland, Mass	Aaron & Rachel Damon	Dropsy.
4	May 7	Mary Buck,	62y.	Married.	Wilmington,	Levi and Polly Parker,	Rupture and Mort'n
5	" 13	Willie J. Allen,	8y. 1m. 25d.	Single.	Wilmington,	William and Mary A.,	Congestion of Lungs
6	Jun 25	George M. Noyes,	18y. 6m. 25d.	Single.	Watertown,	Chas. D. and Susan R.,	Consumption.
7	July 15	Betsey M. Parker,	72y. 3m. 24d.	Married.	Tewksbury,	Eliphalet Manning,	Heart Disease.
8	Dec 1	Ethel L. Taylor,	2m. 2d.	Single.	Wilmington,	John A. and Mary E.,	Lung Fever.
9	" 16	Sally Upton,	71y. 11m.	Widow.	Hillsborough,	Benj. Nichols,	Consumption.
10	" 18	Lydia Emerson,	92y. 5m. 12d.	Widow.	Wilmington,	Joel and Sarah Carter,	Old Age.
11	" 28	Adeline H. Mears,	40y. 10m. 5d.	Married.	Albany Vt.,	Daniel and E. E. Ticknor	Consumption.
12	July 16	Sarah Clark.	68y. 4m. 7d.	Widow.	Exeter R. I.,	Daniel and Mary Brown	Cholera Morbus.

No.	Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride,	Age	Residence.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.
1	Jan'y 23.	George W. Harnden, Mary A. Carter,	25 26	Lynn, Wilmington,	Trader,	Andover, Wilmington,	Jesse and Doritha. Alfred and Abigail.
2	July 4,	George N. Chase, Mary E. Nichols,	25 21	East Saugus, Wilmington,	Cordwainer,	Craftsbury, Vt., Wilmington,	John F. and Sophia. Sam'l B. and Phebe M.
3	Dec. 10,	Thomas F. Gowing, Lavisa Durgin,	30 26	Wilmington, Boston,	Farmer,	Wilmington, Thornton, N. H.,	Joshua and Clarisa. David Durgin.
4	" 17,	Oscar E. Johnson, Sophia B. Bancroft,	30 22	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Cordwainer,	Woburn,	Nathan M & Char'te W. Hiram and Lydia,
5	" 31,	Daniel R. Upton, Clara Gowing,	49 27	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Farmer,	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Thos. E. & Hannah E. Joshua and Clarisa.

The above named are the only parties that have received marriage certificates from this office during the year 1868. I understand there have been other parties married not duly Licensed. These errors probably occurred from a misapprehension of the requirements of the law in relation to Marriages, and for the benefit of those who intend to follow in this direction, I herewith annex an extract of the law now in force in this Commonwealth.

WM. H. CARTER, *Town Clerk.*



# CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.

No magistrate or minister is authorized to solemnize a marriage, unless a *certificate* is first delivered to him from the Clerk of the town in which the parties intending marriage *respectively* dwell, if within the State, (or, if there is no such Clerk, from the Clerk of an adjoining town), specifying the time when notice of the intention was entered with such Clerk, together with all the facts required by law to be ascertained and recorded, except those respecting the person before whom the marriage is to be solemnized. Accordingly, it appears, that, if the parties reside in different towns within the State, *two* certificates are requisite (one from each town;) if residents of the same town, but *one*. If only one of the parties is a resident of the State, the certificate of the town in which such party resides will suffice.

## REPORT

—OF THE—

**Superintending School Committee,**

OF WILMINGTON, FOR THE YEAR 1868-9.

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In taking their annual survey of the schools, your Committee feel profoundly impressed with the conviction that, next to our religious institutions, the common school system is of the utmost value. We cannot be grateful enough for the far-seeing wisdom of our forefathers, which laid the foundations of this system, when they were pressed, almost beyond endurance, with the heavy burdens pertaining to their very existence. It is really a question whether we, were it required of us, should be willing to do as much as they did, look as far ahead, and provide as liberally for those who should come after us.

And yet there are the same reasons now as then for the placing of a high regard upon a public provision for the support of schools. Indeed, with the opening of each new chapter in the history of our country, comes a still deeper sense of the absolute necessity of laying firmer and broader the foundations of an education for the great masses of the people. How, except by giving to each child the rudiments of a good common school education, in connection with the diffusion of sound moral principles, can we survive as a nation? What a tide of emigration is pouring in upon us! And what a mingling of the representatives of all tribes and races of men on our American soil. Germans, Irish, French, Scotch, Negroes, Chinese, Jews—they are all here. And they must be worked over into American citizens. Says Dr. Thompson of New York, in an able address



entitled, "How to build a Nation,"—"Nothing *un-American* in intelligence, sympathy, purpose, tone, should be admitted as a constituent of political life, unless we are ready to sacrifice nationality to numbers. One Language, speaking through the laws, through the press, through the schools, through the pulpits of the land, a language rich in the traditions of liberty, and whose literature breathes more of the spirit of Humanity, Freedom and Christianity, than any other of the tongues of men; this noble speech of Milton and of Burke permeating all business and all pleasure, all work and worship, all song and all sorrow, from the cradle to the grave, is a bond of nationality stronger than political constitutions; and to read and write that tongue intelligently should be indispensable to the candidate for American citizenship."

This last sentence shows the bearing of this quotation upon the subject of common schools. All these different elements in our country must be commingled, fused into one homogeneous mass. And one of the most potent agencies to effect this result is the public school. Here all must be brought together, and taught a common language, the claims of public virtue and of true patriotism. Here they must be led to understand the principles on which this American Republic, henceforth to be their home, is founded, and thus become prepared to uphold and defend those principles intelligently and heartily. In this way alone can we be sure of making and keeping this country thoroughly American. In this way alone can we assimilate all the foreign elements that congregate on these shores, absorb them into one vigorous life, and make them tributary to one glorious national history, and that an American history.

It may be said that these views are very general, and quite too lofty to be brought into a school report. It may be said that a retired community like our own can have no such important relation to the country at large.

But we believe it to be far otherwise. We believe that every town in New England, and in fine, throughout the land, however small, should keep right before it, just such great con-



siderations as these, in all that is done, or proposed, for the support of the public school system. We do desire that every voter in this town should remember, when he is called to act, now or at any future time, with regard to the common schools of our own town, that he is acting for or against popular education, the education of the masses in our whole country. And in doing that, he is either building up the nation, or pulling it down. There is no escaping this result.

Having said this much, we will not here go into any lengthy discussion of particular measures for the promotion of education in this town. Our views on the subject of abolishing the district system and consolidating some of our districts are well known. They have been strongly urged in previous reports. Suffice it to say, that they are the views of all the best educators. We need but to mention the names of such men as Horace Mann, Governor Boutwell, Dr. Sears, and the present able Secretary of the Board of Education, Mr. White. And besides, we have the experience of scores of towns situated precisely as we are, which have done away with the district system, brought scattered districts together, built new and modern school houses, and as the result, have taken a new start, not only in educational matters, but in a business and pecuniary prosperity. We are of the number of those who believe that, by uniting thus the smaller, contiguous neighborhoods in one good, graded school, though some may have farther to send, yet there is a vast and decided gain on the whole. *A good school with a higher department, a little farther off, is better than an inferior and shorter school, just at one's door.* It is better for the remote families. Their property will in a short time rise to a higher value. It is better for the growth and pecuniary standing of any town, where such schools are taking the place of the more numerous, but smaller and poorer schools and school houses. Population will be much more likely to be drawn to a town where such things are done, or being done. Very many instances could be readily cited, where this growth in population and increase in the valuation of real estate has followed such improvements.

Let only a right public sentiment exist here, on this subject ; let there be a due estimation of the cause of education at large, and the influence which every single community exerts on the entire republic ; let there be ever a keen foresighted regard for the growth of the town and the higher value of real estate, not simply in one part of the town, but ultimately in the whole town, and we have no doubt the citizens will take such action now and hereafter, as they will have no reason to regret,

We close our report by alluding to the condition of the schools in town during the past year.

The West, under the care of Miss Hellen Williams, of Stoneham, was brought to a close sooner than the others, because the number of scholars was so small, being reduced to about half-a-dozen, Under these circumstances the teacher could not accomplish all that she otherwise would have done. There are now so few scholars in this district that all must be convinced that it is a waste of money to continue the school in its present form.

The South School has labored under great hindrances on account of the dilapidated and utterly miserable state of the school house. It certainly is in no respect suitable to be used as a school house. Taking all things into consideration, it is wonderful that Miss Bancroft was so successful. She was very patient and faithful, familiar with the studies taught, and, had there been a more ready spirit of co-operation on the part of some of the older scholars, the advancement would have been much greater.

During the past year a new school house has been erected in the North district. It is a beautiful building, commodious and attractive, inside and out. Much credit is due to all concerned for the generous and public spirited manner in which the enterprise was carried forward from beginning to end. As the result of these efforts, there is a great deal of interest felt in all the north part of the town on the subject of education, and the importance of providing all necessary facilities for a first class school. And such they have had during the past year. The same may be said respecting the schools in the East and Centre

districts, with the exception, in the latter district, of a few weeks in the autumn.

Such teachers as Miss Hattie Nichols, (now Mrs. Benson,) the Misses Eames and Miss Wood, of long experience in teaching, are an invaluable blessing to any school and any town. It was a real pleasure to visit their schools, whether upon the common working days, or at the close. Excellent order, interest in study, thoroughness of drill, accuracy in teaching and in learning, a good degree of sub-soiling, going down into the reasons of things characterized these schools. Seldom if ever have we attended such examinations as have just now followed each other in the North, East and Centre Schools. We advise all parents and friends to be in the habit of attending the examinations of their schools; and not the examinations alone, but the ordinary exercises during term time as well. They will know then what the schools really are, and will be led to sympathize more fully with the teachers. They will see, too, the absolute necessity, and we would add the economy, of having just as *good* teacher as we can obtain. But as any extended remarks on the importance of parents visiting the schools will not be likely, judging of the past, to produce much effect, we forbear.

We might say of the West and Centre school houses what we have said of the South, that they are poor and unhealthy, as well as unsightly, buildings, and have long since seen their best days.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. TOLMAN, }  
S. CARTER, Jr. } *Superintending Com.*

Wilmington, Feb. 15, 1869.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

FROM FEB. 1, 1869, TO FEB. 1, 1870,

AND THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1869-70.



BOSTON:

PRINTED BY SARGENT & LAWRENCE,

57 CONGRESS STREET,

1870.





# REPORT.

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## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Betsy Tweed,	84 years.
Nancy Alexander,	81 “
Frederick Butters,	74 “
Lucy Alexander,	66 “
Louisa Burt,	65 “
Elbridge Butters,	64 “
Albert Carter,	50 “
Fanny Butters,	29 “
John Bancroft,	27 “
Whole number,	9
Average number,	9
Number of lodgers,	140
“ meals,	350

### EXPENSE AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

To cash paid for flour and grain,	\$195 52
“ “ groceries,	200 14
“ “ fresh meat,	100 73
“ “ salt pork,	80 78
“ “ fresh and salt fish,	35 75
“ “ dry goods,	40 88
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$653 80

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$653	80	
To cash paid for farming tools,	4	83	
“ “ grass and other seeds,	11	05	
“ “ snuff and tobacco,	16	49	
“ “ medicines,	8	17	
“ “ boots and shoes,	11	30	
“ “ soap,	7	33	
“ “ spirituous liquors,	2	00	
“ “ blacksmith and wheel- wright's bill,	18	08	
“ “ horse hire and car fare,	12	50	
“ “ labor employed,	10	00	
“ “ 2 shoats,	25	50	
“ “ apples, cider, and vinegar,	11	15	
“ “ vegetables,	3	05	
“ “ glass, tin, and iron ware,	18	45	
“ “ paint and brush,	4	00	
“ “ baker's bread,	6	54	
“ “ newspaper and stationery,	2	00	
“ “ miscellaneous,	6	70	
“ “ shingles, and repairs on barn,	21	38	
“ “ sawing shingles,	19	50	
“ “ salary of superintendent,	200	00	
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			\$1,073 82

## CREDIT.

By three calves sold,	\$31	50	
“ cash rec'd for keeping peddlers,	32	50	
“ “ “ produce sold,	8	10	
“ labor of superintendent and team,	88	90	
“ cash for board,	30	50	
“ “ butter,	54	90	
“ lard, eggs, and milk,	7	30	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$253	70	<hr/>
			\$1,1073 82

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$253 70	\$1,073 82
By berries,	4 08	
“ wood,	4 50	
“ old junk,	3 94	
“ lumber,	6 50	
	<hr/>	272 72
Net expenses at Almshouse,		<hr/> \$801 10

## EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Goods furnished Jas. Bonds,	\$37 55	
Wood “ “	20 75	
Meat “ “	14 12	
Medical attendance,	15 75	
	<hr/>	\$88 17
Burial expenses of Reuben Butters,	\$20 00	
Rev. J. P. Cleveland, attending funeral,	5 00	
Medical attendance,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 00
Surgical and medical attendance upon I. S. Butters:—		
Dr. John M. Harlow,	\$41 00	
“ S. A. Toothaker,	20 00	
“ F. Wisner,	6 00	
“ A. H. Cowdry,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$72 00
Meat furnished E. Butters,	1 10	
Medical attendance for stranger,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$192 27
Net expenses in and out of Almshouse,		<hr/> \$993 37

LEMUEL C. EAMES, } *Overseers*  
 THOMAS P. EAMES, } *of the*  
 WARREN EAMES, } *Poor.*

WILMINGTON, February, 1870.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT.**

Orders drawn for expense of the Poor,		\$993 37
Paid W. H. Carter, services as		
Town Clerk,	\$15 00	
“ making record of births and		
deaths and return of same,	10 25	
“ receipt book,	1 00	
	—————	\$26 25
“ Lemuel C. Eames, as Selectman,		
Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,	80 00	
“ Thomas P. Eames, do., do., do.,	70 00	
“ Warren Eames, do., do., do.,	65 00	
“       “       “       Treasurer and Col-		
lector,	100 00	
“ Samuel B. Nichols, as Constable,	20 00	
“ Rev. S. H. Tolman,        {		
“ Sylvester Carter, Jr.,    { School	39 50	
“ William H. Carter,        { Committee,		
“ for auditing Treasurer's account,	11 00	
“ S. B. Nichols, Superintendent Cem-		
etery,	5 00	
“ S. B. Nichols, return of deaths to		
Town Clerk,	1 40	
“ S. B. Nichols, care of town-house,	10 00	
“ wood,	6 50	
“ oil,	10 36	
“ stove and funnel,	7 05	
	—————	\$452 06
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<u>\$1,445 43</u>

*Amount brought forward,*

\$1,445 43

## EXPENSE OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid for lumber for Bucks' Bridge,	\$50 25	
“ D. P. Brigham, for labor and materials,	16 48	
“ D. B. Brigham, for labor and materials on Shausheen Bridge,	13 74	
“ Superintendent of the Poor, for labor of self and team,	18 00	
“ A. P. Pearson, for building road near W. E. Gowing,	\$594 00	
“ for advertising,	2 00	
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	596 00	
Less amount paid Salem and Lowell Railroad,	298 00	
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	298 00	
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		\$396 47

## SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Sylvester Carter, for 1868,	\$43 00	
“ J. B. Morris,	18 20	
“ James K. Pearson,	3 90	
“ Simeon Jacquith,	4 00	
“ Noah Clapp,	5 20	
“ C. P. Areny, for gravel,	2 10	
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		\$76 40

COMMITTEE FOR APPRAISING SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPERTY.

Paid H. B. Nichols,	\$5 00	
“ Noah Clapp,	5 00	
“ Rich Carter,	5 00	
“ Otis C. Buck,	5 00	
“ H. Allen Sheldon,	5 00	
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		\$25 00

*Amount carried forward,*

\$1,943 30



*Amount brought forward,*

\$1,943 30

## SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the Town,	\$1,000 00
Rec'd from the State School Fund,	126 94
Unexpended balance of School Fund, 1868,	90 51
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	\$1,217 45

## EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Paid teacher, for North School,	\$216 00	
“ for wood,	15 00	
“ “ blackboard, curtains, etc.,	21 39	
	<hr/>	\$252 39
Paid teacher, for Centre School,	\$225 00	
“ for wood,	16 69	
“ “ repairing clock,	1 40	
	<hr/>	\$243 09
Paid teacher, for West School,	\$203 50	
“ for wood,	15 75	
“ “ furniture,	3 64	
	<hr/>	\$222 89
Paid teacher, for East School,	\$204 00	
“ for wood,	15 31	
“ “ stove-pipe, etc.,	3 55	
	<hr/>	\$222 86
Paid teacher, for South School,	\$199 50	
“ for wood,	14 33	
	<hr/>	\$213 83
	<hr/>	\$1,155 06
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/>
		\$3,098 36

*Amount brought forward,*

\$3,098 36

**REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.****ON THE CENTRE.**

Materials,	\$97 02	
D. P. Brigham's bill,	100 16	
Mason's bill,	16 50	
	<hr/>	\$213 68

**ON THE WEST.**

William H. Putnam's bill,	\$20 10	
D. H. Brigham's bill,	9 52	
	<hr/>	\$29 62

**ON THE SOUTH.**

D. P. Brigham's bill,	\$21 06	
	<hr/>	\$264 36

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Printing town reports,	\$28 00	
“ surveyor's lists,	5 00	
Materials and repairing hay-scales,	8 25	
Printing assessors' notices,	2 00	
For two locks,	1 81	
Express fees and stationery,	8 30	
Books furnished teachers' desks,	4 85	
“ “ indigent children,	2 73	
T. P. Eames' bill, labor,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$63 94

*Amount carried forward,*

\$3,426 66

*Amount brought forward,*

\$3,426 66

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abated on list of 1866 and 1867 to S. H.

Tolman, illegally assessed, \$70 26

Abated on list of 1868, 7 40

" " " " 1869, 17 66

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\$95 32

Amount of State Aid paid to the widows  
and orphans of deceased soldiers, and of  
those partially disabled in the service: —

Stephen Frye, \$72 00

Samuel Dustin, 36 00

Widow Mary A. Phelps, 96 00

" Mary Ann Chapman, 96 00

Daniel R. Upton, guardian, 48 00

Widow Ambrose Upton, 96 00

Phebe F. Simpson, 40 00

Willie R. Butters, 36 00

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\$520 00

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\$4,041 98

LEMUEL C. EAMES, }  
THOMAS P. EAMES, } *Selectmen of*  
WARREN EAMES, } *Wilmington.*

WILMINGTON, February, 1870.

## EQUALIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY VALUATION.

North District,	\$2,000 85
East District,	850 00
Centre District,	615 00
West District,	348 00
South District,	132 00
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	\$3,945 85

## RATE OF TAXATION.

233 polls, at \$2.94 each.

Rate per cent. on estates 68 cts. per 100  
dollars.

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**TAX REMITTED TO THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS.**

East District,	\$850 37
Rate of remittance, 48 polls,	\$2.95
“ per cent. on estates, 61 cts. per \$100.	
Centre District,	612 50
Rate of remittance, 44 polls,	\$2.32
“ per cent. on estates, 50 cts. per \$100.	
West District,	349 85
Rate of remittance, 26 polls,	\$2.23
“ per cent. on estates, 51 cts. per \$100.	
South District,	134 16
Rate of remittance, 42 polls,	\$0.52
“ per cent. on estates, 13 cts. per \$100.	
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$1,946 88

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,946 88
North District,	392 15
Rate of remittance, 63 polls,	\$1.02
“ per cent. on estates, 26 cts. per \$100.	
Debt and Interest of North District, to Sept. 1, 1869, paid,	\$1,612 27
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	\$3,951 30

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**STATEMENT OF SCHOOL BOOKS.**

Purchased by School Committee, with the value  
of those on hand.

Amount on hand at last settlement,	\$74 30
Purchased during the season,	59 32
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	\$133 62

Cr. by number furnished desks, \$6 42

“ “ indi-  
gent children, 2 73

“ books on hand, 61 58

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\$70 73

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\$62 89

Commissions for selling, 7 20

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\$55 69





## DR. 1870. WARREN EAMES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR,

Feb.	To cash on hand in former settlement,	\$2,087 90	
	“ bal. due on tax list, 1867-8,	256 72	
	“ tax list of 1869, committed,	6,297 78	
	“ cash received for town notes issued,	1,500 00	
	“ “ from the State, on acc. St. Aid,	778 08	
	“ “ on acc. Corporation Tax,	91 75	
	“ “ on acc. State School Fund,	126 94	
	“ “ for int. on taxes,	57 03	
	“ “ for lot in cemetery,	9 00	
	“ “ on acc. books,	26 72	
	“ “ from Salem & Low. R.R. Co.,	298 00	
	“ “ of the Town of Tewksbury,	12 75	
	“ “ of C. L. Carter, for old school-house,	50 00	
	“ “ from S.B. Nichols, on acc. books,	33 40	
	“ to tax list committed for equalizing School District property, less the amount remitted to the tax-payers,	1,620 54	
		<hr/>	\$13,246 61
	Amount of overplus money in the hands of the Treasurer, from sales of real estate, sold for unpaid taxes,		\$65 00

IN ACC. WITH THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON. 1870. Cr.

Feb. By cash paid sundry notes of the

town,	\$2,113 00
“ town orders,	4,279 64
“ int. on town debt,	702 79
“ State Tax,	1,475 00
“ County Tax,	600 47
“ on acc. school fund,	21 63
“ North School debt,	1,612 27
By balance due on tax list, 1868,	3 51
“ “ 1869,	431 37
By cash in treasury,	2,006 93

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\$13,246 61

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We, the undersigned, duly authorized by the town, have this day examined the above account of Warren Eames, Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and sufficiently vouched for, and that there is due from him to the town two thousand and six  $\frac{92}{100}$  dollars.

C. L. CARTER,	} Committee.
LEMUEL C. EAMES,	
WM. H. CARTER,	

**LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.**

Note to High School Associates, May 3, 1867,	\$60 00
“ Mrs. Lavinia A. Avery, June 29, 1867,	100 00
“ Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1866,	2,000 00
“ J. L. Carter, May 1, 1863,	1,500 00
“ Rich Carter, May 26, 1866,	800 00
“ Mrs. Polly Parker, March 23, 1865,	138 00
“ Levi and Ward Parker, Executors, April 4, 1865, balance,	426 46
“ Abigail Burnap, May 1, 1865,	500 00
“ Moses Pearson, Aug. 10, 1865,	2,000 00
“ Darius Buck, Aug. 9, 1865,	600 00
“ Nathan E. Buck, May 14, 1866,	300 00
“ Lucy T. Avery, May 6, 1868,	200 00
“ Sarah J. Buck, June 1, 1868,	200 00
“ Levi and Ward Parker, Executors, June, 1868,	1,050 00
“ Otis C. Buck, April 20, 1869,	500 00
Amount unexpended of State School Fund,	61 39
Due Surveyors of Highways,	175 60
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	\$10,611 45
Due Superintendent of Poor Farm,	200 00
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	\$10,811 45

**AVAILABLE ASSETS.**

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$2,006 93
Balance due on tax bill, 1868 and '69,	434 88
Amount due from the State for money advanced on acc't of State aid,	535 00
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	\$2,976 81
Total amount of indebtedness over available assets,	<hr/>
	\$7,834 64

**STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.**  
**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON, 1869.**

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Date of Birth.
1	* Mary H. Clark,	Geo. Howard and H. L. Clark,	March 13, 1869.
2	Hiram Dexter Pearson,	James K. and Ellen M.,	Aug. 19, "
3	Nettie F. Batcheller,	James H. and Mary E.,	Sept. 9, "
4	Eldora E. Frost,	Wm. A. and Phebe E.,	" 27, "
5	Willie F. Gowing,	Jona. H. and May J.,	Oct. 1, "
6	Sarah A. Carter,	James O. and Elizabeth R.,	Dec. 15, "
7	<i>Anna E. H. Clark</i>	Horace and Susan C.,	" 27, "
8	Lizzie Temple Sheldon,	H. Allen and Catharine,	" 31, "

\* Born out of wedlock.



# DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON, 1869.

No.	Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.	Condition.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Disease or Cause of Death.
1	1868. Aug. 3,	Rhoda Saunders,	63y.	10d. Married,	Tewksbury,	John and Elizabeth French,	Heart Complaint.
2	" 23, 1869.	Mary F. Brackett,	56y. 10m.	"	"	Benjamin and Lydia French,	Consumption.
3	Jan. 8.	Joseph Bell,	68y. 11m.	"	Wilmington,	John and Sally,	"
4	Mar. 3.	Jacob Eames,	66y. 9m.	"	"	Wm. and Ruth,	Erysipelas.
5	" 31.	Sylvania Eames,	37y. 4m.	Single,	"	Jacob and Cynthia,	Consumption.
6	Apr. 13,	Mary H. Clarke,	1m.	"	Boston,	Geo. Howard and H. L. Clark,	Cholera Infantum.
7	May 3.	Harriet A. Swain,	31y. 1m.	Widow,	New York city,	Wm. and Sarah Ames,	Consumption.
8	" 17.	Lacy Butters,	76y.	"	Wilmington,	Wm. and Lucy Butters,	Erysipelas.
9	June 19.	Wm. E. Richardson,	31y.	Single,	"	David and Eliza K.,	Consumption.
10	" 20.	Susie M. Sheldon,	9y. 5m.	"	"	Horace and Susan C.,	Scarlet Fever.
11	Sept. 2.	Oliver Buck,	59y.	"	"	Samuel and Lucy,	Consumption.
12	" 26.	Samuel Dustin,	37y.	Married,	Thornton, N. H.	Richard E. and Deborah,	Suicide by Strangulation.
13	" 22.	James McEnroe,	9y.	Single,	South Reading.	Barnard and Susan.	Fits.
14	Oct. 5,	Adelaide Miller,	23y. 9m.	Married,	Wilmington,	Henry and Sylvia Buck,	Fever.
15	" 17.	Willie F. Gowing,	17d.	Single,	"	Herbert and Sarah J.,	Cholera Infantum.
16	Dec. 20,	Timothy Brigden,	73y.	Married,	Lynn, Mass.,	Z. Brigden,	Dropsy.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON, 1869.

No.	Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.
1	Jan. 14,	George Hearne, Frances F. Pierce,	25 22	Wilmington, “	Cordwainer,	Andover, Provincetown,	Jeremiah and Martha. Edward H. and Frances Walker.
2		George H. Hayward, Mary E. Parker,	22 22	North Reading, Wilmington,	Farmer,	North Reading, “	Andrew and Salome, Oliver and Lydia.
3	April 6,	Hiram Bancroft, Hannah M. Hull,	61 48	“ “	Farmer,	Reading,	Jonathan and Sophia. David and Betsy Boice.
4	July 2,	James H. Swain, Catherine Tucker,	39 19	“ “	Butcher,	Concord, Franklin, Co., N. Y.,	Levi and Phebe. Isaac and Louisa.
5	“ 13,	Horace Gowling, Louisa Day,	26 26	Wakesfield, Peterboro', N. H.,	Butcher,	Wilmington, Peterboro', N. H.,	Joshua and Charisa. Robert and Lydia.
6		Edward Blanchard, Sarah K. Holt,	33 21	Andover, Wilmington,	Painter,	Andover, Wilmington,	Joshua and Eliza. Timothy B. and Mary Ann.
7	Nov. 18,	Lemuel H. Eames, Helen Eames,	31 22	Andover, Wilmington,	Butcher,	“ “	Lemuel C. and Catherine. Jonathan and Sophronia O.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

WILMINGTON, 1869-70.

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THE General Statutes require that "the School Committee shall annually make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to the schools as the Committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof." In accordance with this requirement, your Committee have presented a report each year upon the condition of the schools, and have from time to time made such suggestions as they thought the good of the schools demanded. It is true that these suggestions have not always been adopted, or, in some instances, been received with the courtesy which is due to the report of a public officer of the town. It is always expected, of course, that any recommendation of the School Committee will be thoroughly discussed, and adopted or rejected, as shall seem good to the majority of voters in town; but it would seem hardly just or generous that the views of a school officer, who has had charge of the schools in town for years, and been kept in office against his wishes, should be criticised as proceeding from extravagant notions, from a desire to favor one part of the town above another, or from a reckless disposition to plunge the town into debt. The Chairman of your Committee has served the town now for these many years, doing nearly the whole work, for a compensation wholly inadequate; not without the con-

sciousness of much imperfection, nor as he would have been glad to do, had the weightier cares and duties of the ministry not pressed upon him, but, nevertheless, to the best of his ability under all the circumstances. And he can sincerely say that no one has had the interests of the common schools of Wilmington, in every section of the town, more at heart, has felt more deeply the vast influence they are exerting, or labored more zealously, or with purer motives, to devise and carry forward those measures, and those only, which in his judgment would tend to make them most efficient.

No one can have an official connection with the schools in any place, or study their character and influence for any length of time, without being more and more impressed with their importance, more and more drawn out in his feelings toward them. It is indeed an affecting experience, more so than words can describe, to watch over them from year to year, go in and look into the faces of the scholars, study the development of their minds and moral natures, and follow the successive classes and ages from one stage to another in their course, till they leave the school and enter on the active duties of life. Here they are during the most impressible period of their whole lives. Here they are fitting themselves for future happiness and usefulness, or the opposite. Who can be aware of all this, and not feel as if he wanted to do the utmost possible for these youth? How can he help coming to regard them with a strong affection? How can he fail to be exceedingly anxious to say such things in their presence, and seek to have exerted over them, both in school and out, such influences, as shall do them the greatest possible good? If there are any who have not a deep concern for the welfare of our schools, we advise them to *visit* the schools, and consider, as they look upon the scene before them, what is there going on, and reflect how surely the minds and hearts of the children there gathered are being trained for a momentous future responsibility.

It is a matter for gratitude that our schools are surrounded



by such propitious influences, and are doing so much for the best interests of the youth gathered in them. Surely, no one can be willing that the restraints exerted upon them, and the anxiety felt for them, and the means of moral improvement now enjoyed by them, should be at all impaired or diminished. How cheering the thought that now a word of heart-felt exhortation can be freely spoken, a prayer be offered, motives to sincere piety be urged, and the Bible, the foundation of the only sound morality, the great safeguard to our free Republic, can be read, and its precepts inculcated, with none to molest, or make afraid! And all this not in the least as a sectarian matter, not as diverting the attention of the scholars from their studies, or causing any hindrance, but rather as enforcing and aiding the true and complete development of the whole mind, and of all the faculties. What a matter for rejoicing that the statutes of this good old Commonwealth of Massachusetts have so excellent a requirement as the following:—

“It shall be the duty . . . of all preceptors and teachers of academies, and of all other instructors of youth, to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry, and frugality; chastity, moderation, and temperance; and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society, and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above-mentioned virtues, to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, and secure the blessings of liberty, as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices.”—Gen. Stat., chap. 38, sect. 10. Far distant be the day when the Bible shall be taken from our common schools, and with it the best and most



wholesome influences for the well-being of the Republic, and the right ordering of life.

The fact has often been impressed upon us, in view of the actual work demanded of the superintending School Committee, that some better provision ought to be made for doing that work. No one who has some other profession on his hands can really do all that ought to be done. He cannot spend the necessary time to fit himself for this work. The superintendence of the schools ought to be as much a profession as anything else. One needs to be familiar with the best methods of teaching, so as to be prepared to advise teachers. He needs to know, from actual examination, without depending on the representations of interested book agents, the merits of the different text-books. As a writer in the "Massachusetts Teacher" justly observes, "Even admitting that the person or persons appointed to fill the office of School Committee are the best qualified of the intelligent citizens of the town or city, are there not many things which tend to render, and commonly do render, them incompetent to judge of just what the school should be and should do? Let them, if you please, be the clergyman, the lawyer, and the doctor of the place. These gentlemen, in attending to their official duties, will be able to give to the schools only those remnants of time which they can secure from their professional occupations. They will, therefore, be generally unable to spend any extended length of time even with those teachers who need their guidance and suggestions the most. . . . They will be liable to do their work in an indifferent, prejudiced, or slipshod manner; and this not because they mean to be unserviceable, but because their minds are necessarily directed in other channels." Now, we submit our schools deserve something better than this. What business interest, what railroad company would prosper, to be superintended in this way? There should be a superintendent of schools appointed, who can fit himself thoroughly for *that* work, and give his whole time to it. He should make a

profession of it, and consequently be supported by it. This is done in some of the cities and large places. But it ought to be done throughout the Commonwealth. Two or three or more towns, as sparsely populated as ours, might be formed into one district, and a superintendent be appointed to give his whole time to the schools in them. He could thus be prepared to originate and carry out a variety of suitable, and really popular, measures for benefiting the schools and the teachers under his charge, and enlisting more fully the interest of the towns themselves in their own schools.

During the past year, the ordinance of the Legislature respecting the abolition of the district system has been promulgated. Perhaps nothing more need be said in regard to this change, so far as it affects our own town, than what is contained in the Governor's message of January last : —

"The law passed by the Legislature, at its last session, abolishing the district system in all parts of the State, has been carried into effect cheerfully, and with the best results. There may be cases of hardships and inconvenience in a few instances ; but a new order of things will soon be established, better suited to the wants of the times, and more in accordance with our enlightened system of public instruction."

We are convinced that after the change has been fully established, and we have become familiar with it, it will commend itself to all as the most simple and common-sense way of managing the schools. The people in due time will be quite as averse to giving it up, as they were here, or in any other single town, to giving up the district system.

We are pleased to report a good and prosperous condition of the schools in town during the past year. Without any exception they have been carried forward in the most pleasant and harmonious manner, with gratifying attainments, and with a better degree of co-operation on the part of parents. In no previous year have we had better schools, or better teachers. Indeed, we think, taking the schools as a whole,

there has been a growing improvement for several years past in good order, good deportment, and thorough instruction.

The teachers have been as follows : Miss Caroline E. Wood in the North School, Miss Rebecca Eames in the East, Miss Charlotte K. Gowing and Miss Clara E. Bancroft in the South, Miss Eliza J. Norris in the West, and Miss Elona A. Eames in the Centre School. Without stopping to discriminate between the different methods pursued, or the different degrees of success, it is enough to say that they have all been faithful and untiring in their labors, all beloved and successful. As would naturally be expected, those who have had the most experience have accomplished the highest results, and, if possible, have gone on farther than ever toward perfection. We desire to record our belief that few committees have had so good a corps of teachers. They have sought to carry out all our wishes, and make our labors as pleasant and easy as possible, and have given us the greatest pleasure in witnessing the results of their devoted efforts. They will be long remembered.

With regard to expenditures for repairs and outlays upon the school-houses, no report will be given here, as the Selectmen were specially appointed a Committee to attend to those matters. The appropriation by the town for school purposes has been faithfully applied and equally distributed. The amount received the present year from the State school fund has also been equally distributed among the five schools. The sum of forty dollars, of last year's appropriation, was not expended during that year, in the West School, by the Prudential Committee. It consequently comes back to the town's treasury, and cannot be spent in that school, or any other, without special vote of the town. Whatever balance of any year's appropriation is not expended during the year for which it was appropriated reverts to the town, and cannot be expended at any other time than during the year covered by the appropriation. Such is the decision of authorities at the State House. A portion of the amount received from the

State school fund in 1867, and again in 1868, was not called for by the Prudential Committee for the West School. The same still remains in the treasury, subject to the control of the School Committee.

It may not be out of place to remark here that the amount annually received from the State fund is not subject to the action of the town, but is wholly at the disposal of the School Committee, under restrictions from the State. See Gen. Stat., chap. 36, sec. 4. "The income of the school fund received by the several cities and towns shall be applied by the School Committee thereof to the support of the Public Schools therein; but such Committees may, if they see fit, appropriate therefrom any sum not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of the same, to the purchase of books of references, maps, and apparatus for the use of said schools." We herewith subjoin a table showing the length of schools, attendance, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

SAM'L H. TOLMAN,  
SYLVESTER CARTER, JR.,  
WILLIAM H. CARTER,

WILMINGTON, Feb. 23, 1870.



TABLE.

	Months' School.	Whole Attendance Summer.	Whole Attendance Winter.	Average Attendance Summer.	Average Attendance Winter.
<i>North School.</i>					
Miss C. E. Wood, Teacher,	6	41	40	33½	31¾
<i>East School.</i>					
Miss R. Eames, Teacher,	6½	31	41	27	35½
<i>South School.</i>					
Miss C. K. Gowing, } Teachers, Miss C. E. Bancroft, }	7	26	36	19¾	24¾
<i>West School.</i>					
Miss E. J. Norris, Teacher,	7½	22	17	15 1-7	11
<i>Centre School.</i>					
Miss E. A. Eames, Teacher,	6	39	34	34	27





# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

## TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

FROM FEB. 1, 1870, TO FEB. 1, 1871.

AND THE

## Report of the School Committee,

FOR THE

SCHOOL-YEAR 1870-1.

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## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### *Names and ages of the Inmates of the Almshouse:—*

Betsey Tweed,	85 years.	
Nancy Alexander,	82	"
Frederick Butters,	75	"
*Lucy Alexander,	67	" died Oct. 16, 1870.
Louisa Burt,	66	"
Elbridge Butters,	65	"
Albert Carter,	51	"
Fanny Butters,	30	"
John Bancroft,	28	"
H. Orn Bancroft,	38	"
*James Bonds,	76	" died Sept. 30, 1870.
Whole number,	11	
Average number	10	
Lodgings,	153	
Meals furnished poor strangers,	362	

### *Expense at the Almshouse:—*

To Cash paid for flour and grain,	211	50
.. groceries,	135	94
.. ..	46	86
.. fish,	40	68
.. salt pork,	108	03
.. fresh meat,	112	08
.. boots and shoes,	21	25
.. clothing and dry goods,	48	57
.. glass, tin & earth'n ware,	16	31

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Amount carried forward, \$741 22

Amount brought forward, \$741 '22		
To Cash paid for baker's bread,	10 50	
"    snuff and tobacco,	20 09	
"    spirituous liquors	4 00	
"    cider and vinegar,	8 66	
"    medicines,	6 95	
"    Dr. Drew's bill,	25 00	
"    soap,	11 00	
"    plaster and seeds,	10 66	
"    farming tools,	13 65	
"    hay,	13 56	
"    butchering,	4 00	
"    vegetables,	5 45	
"    horse hire and car fare,	14 75	
"    saw'g shings. & lumber,	30 34	
"    sundry expenses,	11 73	
"    shingling building,	14 00	
"    painting and repairs on		
Almshouse,	207 10	
"    2 shoats,	18 00	
"    1 cow,	40 00	
"    1 pair of oxen,	140 00	
"    salary of superintend't,	200 00	
"    Dr. Toothaker's bill,	11 50	
"    funeral expenses.	26 55	
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		\$1.588 71

*Credits.*

By 1 pair of oxen sold,	275 00
1 cow sold,	30 00
labor of superintendent and team,	82 85
butter sold,	55 02
poultry, eggs, and milk sold,	10 48
potatoes,	3 58
old junk,	2 00

Amounts carried forward, \$458 93    \$1.588 71



	Amounts brought forward.	\$458 93	\$1,588 71
By lumber,		21 49	
keeping peddlars,		25 60	
2 calves,		22 00	
cash for 11 weeks' support of H. O.			
Bancroft,		22 00—	550 02
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Net amount of expense,			\$1,038 69

*Expense of the Poor out of the Almshouse:—*

Supplies furnished James Bonds,	74 23	
Balance for board of Eldad Butters and wife at the House of Correction,	17 71	
Mrs. Alexander, part expense going West,	18 00	
Dr. Toothaker, attendance on R. Upton,	11 00	
.. .. Wm. Stickney,	4 50—	125 44
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Total amount of expense of the Poor in and out of the Almshouse,		1,164 13
Cr. by amount refunded for supplies furnished James Bonds,		162 40
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Total net expense of Poor,		\$1,001 73

LEMUEL C. EAMES, } *Overseers*  
H. ALLEN SHELDON, } *of*  
HENRY SHELDON, } *Poor.*

Wilmington, Feb. 1, 1871.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Orders drawn for Expenses of the Poor, \$1,001 73

### *Expenses of Town Officers:—*

Paid Wm. H. Carter, services as Town Clerk,	30 00
L. C. Eames, services as Selectman, Assessor, & Overseer of the Poor,	172 00
H. Allen Sheldon, do.,	125 00
Henry Sheldon, do.,	164 00
Warren Eames, services as Treasurer and Collector,	100 00
A. P. Pearson, as Constable,	20 00
Warren Eames, Wm. H. Carter, L. C. Eames, as School Committee,	30 00
S. B. Nichols, care of Cemetery,	10 00
do., return of deaths to Town Clerk,	1 80
Geo. T. Eames, care of Town House,	15 00
C. L. Carter, auditing Treas. acc'ts,	5 00
Wm. H. Carter, do.,	3 00
L. C. Eames, do.,	2 00
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### *Extra Expense of Roads:—*

Paid J. K. Pearson, for railing,	10 00
“ “ breaking out road,	16 80
Levi F. Manning, “	11 00
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Amounts carried forward, \$37 80 \$1,679 53

Amounts brought forward,		\$37 80	\$1,679 53
Paid Charles Hopkins, breaking out road,	11	40	
Charles Buck, ..	34	06	
S. B. Nichols, breaking out roads,	8	00	
T. D. Bond, ..	22	30	
Hiram Bancroft, ..	14	00	
Solon L. Johnson, ..	11	50	
Hugh Murray, 1869, ..	5	20	
.. .. for gravel,	3	04	
Henry Sheldon, repairing bridge,			
near William E. Gowing's,	25	00	
Levi Manning, rebuilding bridge near			
Newton George's,	32	00	
Sylvester Carter, breaking out road,	8	80	
William H. Boutwell, . .	14	00	
John French, . . .	22	50	
			249 60

*Repairing Town House:—*

Paid Eugene DeJean for stove funnel,	38	85	
John N. Eames, carpenter work,	17	75	
N. H. Turner, mason work and ma-			
terial furnished,	103	28	
for lumber,	13	99	
painting and material,	351	70	
nails, glass, and plaster,	11	26	
repairs on the East School House,	18	58	
			555 41

*Miscellaneous Expenses:—*

Paid Sweetser & Gardner, attorneys in			
the "Sandy Pond" case,	200	00	
George Studley, for hearse,	450	00	
Horace Sheldon, for transportation,	2	00	

Amounts carried forward,	\$652 00	\$2,484 54
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Amounts brought forward,	\$652 00	\$2,484 54
Paid C. L. Carter, for services in examination and purchase of hearse,	5 00	
abatement on tax list 1869,	11 59	
“ “ 1870,	14 37	
stove & funnel South School House,	12 15	
for school books,	47 49	
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*Amount of State Aid paid to the Widows and Orphans of deceased Soldiers, and those partially disabled in the service:—*

Mary A. Chapman,	96 00	
Mary A. Phelps,	96 00	
Stephen Frye,	72 00	
Willie R. Butters,	36 00	
D. R. Upton, guardian,	48 00	
Widow Ambrose Upton,	96 00	
“ Jane Blaisdell,	64 00	
	<hr/>	508 00

The Committee for building a School House in the south part of the town have not made report of their expenditures, but have drawn from the Treasury the sum appropriated for that purpose,

1,500 00

*Schools:—*

Appropriation by the town,	1,075 00	
State School Fund,	146 96	
Dog License Fund,	63 24	
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	1,285 20	

Amount carried forward. \$5,235 14

Amount brought forward, \$5,235 14

*Expense of Schools:—*

Paid teacher for North School,	234 00	
for fuel and incidentals,	22 95	
teacher for East School,	215 00	
for fuel and incidentals,	23 85	
teacher for Center School,	208 00	
for fuel and incidentals,	17 83	
teacher for West School,	182 00	
for fuel and incidentals,	12 13	
teacher for South School,	194 00	
for fuel and incidentals,	19 30	
for printing by-laws,	3 00	
for Watson's maps for the schools,	15 00	
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Balance unexpended, \$138 14		
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Total amount of expenditures,		\$6,382 20

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
H. ALLEN SHELDON,	
HENRY SHELDON,	

Wilmington, Feb. 1, 1871.



## DR.      WARREN EAMES, TREAS. &amp; COLLECTOR,

February, 1871.

To cash on hand in former settlement,	\$2,006 93
Balance due on tax list, 1868,	3 51
"           "       1869,	431 37
Tax list of 1870, committed,	7,474 42
Cash received for Town's note issued,	2,200 00
"       for account of State Aid,	500 00
"       for corporation tax,	122 01
"       from State School Fund,	146 96
"       for interest on taxes,	50 94
"       for lots in Cemetery,	16 00
"       of S. B. Nichols, for books,	30 00
"       of County Treas. for dog licenses,	63 24
cash refunded for advances to James Bond,	162 40
"           "       H. O. Bancroft,	22 00
cash received for lease of Silver Lake,	1 00
"       for wheels, &c., of old hearse,	25 00
"       for use of Town House,	24 00
"       for one yoke of oxen,	275 00
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	\$13,554 78

## IN ACCT. WITH TOWN OF WILMINGTON. CR.

February, 1871.

By cash paid sundry notes of the Town,	\$1,610 00
.. Town orders,	5,222 35
.. interest on Town debt,	643 32
.. County tax,	600 47
.. State tax,	1,475 00
.. insurance on Town House,	26 25
.. committee for building School House in south part of the Town,	1,500 00
.. Charles M. Gowing,	200 00
amount of taxes uncollected of 1869,	3 81
.. .. .. 1870,	941 13
cash in treasury,	1,332 45

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 \$13,554 78

We, the subscribers, a committee chosen by the Town of Wilmington, to settle the Town's account with Warren Eames, Treasurer, have attended that service, and find the account to stand as above stated, and that there is due from him to the Town, one thousand three hundred and thirty-two and forty-five one hundredths dollars.

CYRUS L. CARTER,  
 LEMUEL C. EAMES,  
 WILLIAM H. CARTER,

Wilmington, Feb. 18, 1871.

## OUTSTANDING NOTES.

J. L. Carter, May 1, 1863,	\$1,500 00
Mrs. Polly Parker, March 23, 1865,	138 00
Moses Pearson, August 10, 1865,	2,000 00
Darius Buck, August 9, 1865,	600 00
Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1866,	2,000 00
Rich Carter, May 27, 1866,	800 00
N. E. Buck, Oct. 24, 1866,	300 00
H. M. Eames, trustee, May 2, 1867,	60 00
L. A. Avery, June 29, 1867,	100 00
L. F. Avery, May 6, 1868,	200 00
S. J. Buck, June 1, 1868, bal.,	140 00
O. C. Buck, April 20, 1869,	500 00
C. M. Gowing, April 1, 1870,	200 00
Otis C. Buck, April 20, 1870,	500 00
"    "    "    Dec. 3, 1870,	500 00
Benjamin Buck, Dec. 23, 1870,	1,000 00
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	\$10,538 00
Due the schools on acc't school fund,	138 00
Due Chas. M. Gowing,	200 00
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	\$10,876 00

## ASSETTS.

Cash in treasury,	1,332 45
Uncollected taxes, 1870,	941 13
"    "    1869,	3 81
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	\$2,277 39
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	\$8,598 61
Amount due for State aid,	500 00
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Nett indebtedness of the town,	\$8,098 61

# STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## *Births Registered in Wilmington in 1870.*

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No.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.	Date of Birth.
1	* Harriet Jane Willoughby,	John M. Willoughby and Pauline F. Phelps,	January 24, 1870.
2	Susannah F. McEnroe,	Bernard and Susan McEnroe,	January 30, 1870.
3	Asa Minot Buck,	Silas and Harriet L. Buck,	April 7, 1870.
4	Nathan Osgood Eames,	George T. and Lucy E. Eames,	March 15, 1870.
5	Mary Caty Dowcett,	John M. and Francois H. Dowcett,	April 6, 1870.
6	George A. Sidelinker,	George W. and Mary A. Sidelinker,	August 7, 1870.
7	Myra Eames,	Horatio N. and Eliza M. Eames,	August 11, 1870.
8	William H. Dowcett,	Jeremiah and Ann D. M. Dowcett,	August 30, 1870.
9	Mary M. Frintini,	Simon and Francois D. Frintini,	November 16, 1870.
10	James F. Martin,	Timothy and Sarah Martin,	November 22, 1870.
11	Louisa Gowing,	Thomas F. and Louisa Gowing,	December 10, 1870.
12	Ford Gowing,	Thomas F. and Louisa Gowing,	December 10, 1870.

\* Informant, Pauline F. Phelps.

*Marriages Registered in Wilmington in 1870.*

No.	Date of Marriage.	Name of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence at Time of Marriage.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.
1	Mar. 29	Almon F. Cate, Elona A. Eames,	26 24	Schooley's Mt. N. J. Wilmington	Professor	Epsom, N. H.	John S. and Jane M.
2	June 18	John S. Evill, Hannah P. Driscoll,	30 22	Denton, Md. Chelsea,	Mariner	Denton, Md.	Thomas P. and Elona M.
3	June 30	Ira O. Witham, Charlotte K. Gowing,	35 30	Boston, Wilmington,	Merchant	Chelsea, Wilmington,	John and Mary A. V.
4	Aug. 27	Richard M. McKenzie, Abby A. Carter,	24 19	Boston, Wilmington,	Carpenter	St. John, N. B.	Daniel and Ellen
5	Oct. 24	Walter H. Stickney, Clara J. Holt,	20 17	No. Cambridge, Wilmington,	Conductor	Wilmington, Epping, N. H.	Ira and Betsey
						Andover, Ms.	James and Mary H.
							Grant and Hannah
							Otis and Abby Ann
							David and Nancy
							William F. and Vash

*Deaths Registered in Wilmington in 1870.*

No.	Date of Death.	Name of deceased.	Age.	Condition.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Disease or Cause of Death.
1	Jan. 10	Edward Beard,	82y2m	mar'd	Wilmington,	Edward and Mary	old age.
2	Jan. 20	Lucy Pearson,	76y	widow	Tewkesbury,	John and Lucy Hardy,	paralysis.
3	Jan. 26	Ellen C. Simonds,	37y	mar'd	Billerica,	Michael and Margaret Crosby	consumption.
4	Feb. 15	John J. Voigt,	63y	w'dw'r	Prussia,	Julius and Louise Voigt,	heart disease.



5 Feb. 17	James Buck,	w'dw'r	Wilmington,	Nathan and Betsey Buck,	pneumonia.
6 Feb. 9	Mary B. Carter,	widow	Tewkesbury,	ohn and Mary Bridges,	apoplexy.
7 Mch 25	John R. Nickles,	marr'd	Carlisle,	bel and Sarah R.	consumption.
8 Apr. 14	Martha Bonds,	marr'd	England,	William and Phillis Oscar,	consumption.
9 June 8	Nathan Townsend,	w'dw'r	Chester, N. H.	Ebenezer and ———	heart disease.
10 June 28	Jane Sweetser,	marr'd	Turner, Me.	H. Briggs,	liver complaint
11 July 20	Hannah L. Carter,	widow	Milford, N. H.	Benjamin and Sarah Lewis,	pneumonia.
12 Aug 15	Susan A. Carter,	marr'd	Bedford,	Daniel and Susan Butters,	heart disease.
13 Sept. 2	Asa G. Sheldon,	marr'd	Lynnfield,	Jeremiah and Elizabeth,	old age.
14 Sept. 9	Helen A. Pratt,	single	Boston,	Caleb S. and M. L. Pratt,	consumption.
15 Sept 14	Adaline E. Sweetser,	single	Chelsea,	John E. and Addie Sweetser,	chol. infantum
16 Sept 30	James P. Bonds,	w'dw'r	England,	George and Mary Bonds,	gen'l debility.
17 Oct. 16	Lucy Alexander,	single	Wilmington,	Peter and Lucy Alexander,	dropsy.
18 Nov. 1	Jessie McGuire,	single	Scotland,	James and Janet McGuire,	scarlet fever.
19 Nov. 1	Katie McGuire,	single	Scotland,	David and Katie McGuire,	scarlet fever.
20 Nov. 3	Patrick Brandon,	w'dw'r	Ireland,	John Brandon,	old age.
21 Nov. 8	Margaret Wilcox,	widow	Orford, N. H.	Horatio & Sophronia Roberts,	consumption.
22 Dec 13	Ford Gowing,	infant	Wilmington,	Thomas F. and Louisa	dropsy.
23 Dec 13	Louisa Gowing,	infant	Wilmington,	Thomas F. and Louisa	dropsy.
24 Dec 31	Walter A. Eames,	infant	Wilmington,	George F. and Lucy E.	scarlet fever.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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The School Committee of Wilmington respectfully submit to the Town their Annual Report :

### EAST SCHOOL.

This school has been favored with the services of Miss Rebecca Eames, during the past year. Her reputation as a successful teacher is too well established to require any comment on our part. Miss Eames' school affords convincing proof of the advantage of employing the same teacher during successive terms.

### CENTRE SCHOOL.

Miss Susie E. Littlefield, of Boston, taught this school during the summer term. Miss Littlefield entered the school under favorable circumstances, and it was hoped her labors would prove successful. Having been accustomed to graded schools she found it difficult to adapt herself to the wants of our common mixed schools. A pleasant state of feeling existed between teacher and scholars ; but more thoroughness of instruction and firmer discipline are necessary to insure perfect success.

The winter term was under the charge of Miss Mary E. Nichols, of Wakefield. Miss Nichols devoted herself to her school with commendable energy, and used every effort to stimulate the minds of her pupils. She trained her scholars

to depend upon their own merits; and it was a pleasing feature at the closing examination, that the questions proposed by the Committee were as promptly and correctly answered as those proposed by the teacher. The map drawing in this school, and also in the East School, is worthy of special commendation.

#### NORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Hannah M. Hart, of Wakefield, taught this school during the year. She was well qualified for the situation, and labored faithfully for the good of the school. Her instructions were not wholly confined to the text-books, but she imparted to her pupils much valuable information upon general subjects. Had she been better supported, greater success would have attended her efforts.

#### WEST SCHOOL.

This school has been highly favored during the year. The summer term was taught by Miss Clara E. Bancroft, and was very successful. She was patient and faithful in imparting instruction, and readily won the love of her pupils. It was regretted that her labors could not be retained.

The winter term was under the care of Miss Susie A. Greene, of Wakefield. Miss Greene came highly recommended, and fully sustained her recommendations. Her school was characterized by thoroughness of instruction, gentle but firm discipline, and a manifest desire for the highest good of her pupils.

#### SOUTH SCHOOL.

Miss Catharine J. Siller, of Boston, taught during the

summer term. Miss Siller appeared well qualified for the school, but failed to secure from her scholars that respect which is so essential to success. She imparted to her pupils much useful knowledge, and had she been a better disciplinarian, might have had a prosperous school.

Miss Phebe G. Harnden, of Reading, took charge during the winter term. Considering that this was her first experience in teaching, she succeeded well. She manifested a good degree of energy and perseverance, and bids fair to become a good teacher.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

We commenced the year under unfavorable circumstances, from the fact, that with two exceptions we were obliged to employ new teachers; yet we believe our schools in the aggregate have done well. In some cases the improvement has not been so great as we could desire, and in others the usefulness of the teacher has been materially lessened by influences outside the school-room. Whenever the Committee have employed teachers of sufficient literary attainments, and those who came well recommended, it would seem the part of wisdom for parents to uphold them in the discharge of their duties. We must not look for perfection here any more than elsewhere. The teacher's work, rightly viewed, is a noble and arduous one.

It has been said—"To educate a child is greater than to perform the duties of a Governor." It is not simply to teach the art of reading, writing and arithmetic, but teaching a child the great art and power of life; how to use his intellect; how to make the most of time, and how to train every faculty to the highest point of usefulness and strength. It is to stimulate the indolent, encourage the diffident; in short, to take children from different families with their surrounding influences, and strive to lay in their youthful minds the foundations of knowledge, truth and virtue.



This is the teacher's true work, and in the midst of these duties a word of encouragement from the parent, evincing an appreciation of the toils of the school-room, is most highly prized by the faithful instructors of our children.

The great want in our schools at the present time is permanent teachers. It is detrimental to the prosperity of any school to be subjected to frequent change of teachers. Our terms are so short that the scholars hardly become accustomed to one course of instruction when another is introduced, and consequently but little real advancement is made. Any one who is skeptical upon this point is referred to the East School. The classification of this school is such as secures the best of results; for example, take a class of twelve scholars in arithmetic, and who does not see that the teacher can accomplish vastly more in the way of mental drill and explanation, than when this number is divided into three or more smaller classes; and so with all the other studies pursued,—Grammar, Geography, Spelling and History; the same scholars are not only in the same class, but recite the same lesson, thus doing away with the petty vexation of so many small classes, which are a serious hindrance to the teachers in many of our schools.

The Registers for the past year show an increase in the punctuality of attendance, which is very gratifying. In some schools a large number of pupils have been neither absent or tardy during the term, and others only when detained by illness. It is also pleasing to notice the names of so many visitors during the year; this, we believe, is a step in the right direction. Before closing this report, we would congratulate the South School upon the neat and commodious house erected for them during the year, and hope it may serve to awaken in the young minds new interest in study; we believe they will prove themselves worthy the gift. We trust the same generous spirit of improvement may be extended to some other portions of our town.

At the commencement of the year a vigorous effort was made to unite some of the former districts, thereby securing



a much longer term of schooling. This in the opinion of many would more than compensate for the disadvantages arising from an increased distance of travel. At a meeting, however, called for the purpose, it was decided to allow them to remain within their former limits, and be called by the old names which our fathers called them. As the town covers a large extent of territory, and the population is scattering, it is doubtful if any better arrangement could be made. We hope the day is not far distant when the town will remedy the defect alluded to, by cheerfully appropriating a larger sum of money for the several schools; or better still, support a High School for our more advanced scholars. Let no *backward* steps be taken, but let us as a community press *onward* in whatever pertains to the increase of education, and tends to elevate the public moral sentiment, and *upward* in the pursuit of that higher wisdom which is vouchsafed to all who ask, by the Great Teacher of us all.

WARREN EAMES, } *School*  
WM. H. CARTER, } *Committee.*  
LEMUEL C. EAMES, }

### TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

Name of School.	Name of Teacher.	Terms.	No of Scholars.	Average Attend.	Length of School.	Wages pr. Month.
East	Miss Rebecca Eames	Summ'r	34	32	3 mos.	\$32.00
"	" " "	Winter	44	40	3½ "	34.00
Centre	" Susie E. Littlefield	Summ'r	38	32 2-5	3 "	32.00
"	" Mary E. Nichols	Winter	36	29½	3½ "	32.00
North	" Hannah M. Hart	Summ'r	35	27	2½ "	32.00
"	" " "	Winter	33	19	2½ "	32.00
West	" Clara E. Bancroft	Summ'r	14	12	3 "	28.00
"	" Susie A. Greene	Winter	16	13	3½ "	28.00
South	" Catharine J. Siller	Summ'r	30	26	3 "	32.00
"	" Phebe G. Harnden	Winter	29	25	3½ "	28.00

# TOWN WARRANT.

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*To A. P. Pearson, Constable of the town of Wilmington,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at ten o'clock A. M.,—the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock,—to act upon the following articles, viz :

ART. FIRST.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. SECOND.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. THIRD.—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for schooling.

ART. FOURTH.—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate to defray annual expenses and pay town debts.

ART. FIFTH.—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support and repairs of highways.

ART. SIXTH.—To see what direction the Town will give for expending the money raised and appropriated for support and repairs of highways.

ART. SEVENTH.—To hear reports of Committees, and act thereon.

ART. EIGHTH.—To see what measures the town will adopt in relation to the collection of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. NINTH.—To see if the Town will have their current year's expenses printed, and if so, choose a Committee to effect the same.

ART. TENTH.—To choose a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer.

ART. ELEVENTH.—To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of a High School in the centre of the town, the ensuing year, or see what they will do about it.

ART. TWELFTH.—To see if the Town will establish a Public Library, or do anything in relation to the same.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at said Wilmington, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	}	<i>Selectmen of Wilmington.</i>
H. ALLEN SHELDON,		
HENRY SHELDON,		

A true copy, Attest : A. P. PEARSON, Constable.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

FROM FEB. 1, 1871, TO FEB. 1, 1872,

AND THE

Report of the School Committee,

FOR THE

SCHOOL-YEAR 1871-2.

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WOBURN:

JOHN L. PARKER, PRINTER, 204 MAIN STREET.

1872.





## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### *Names and ages of the Inmates of the Almshouse: —*

Betsey Tweed,	86 years, died May 28.
Nancy Alexander,	83 “
Frederick Butters,	76 “ died Sept. 18.
Louisa Burt,	67 “
Elbridge Butters,	66 “
Albert Carter,	52 “
Fanny Butters,	31 “
John Bancroft,	29 “
H. Orn Bancroft,	39 “
Judith Alexander,	76 “ admitted Dec. 6.
Charles Butters,	born Dec. 16, 1871.
Whole number,	11
Present number,	9

### VAGRANTS.

Number of lodgings furnished,	149
“ meals “	405

### *Expense at the Almshouse: —*

To cash paid for flour and grain,	\$234 84
“ groceries,	227 57
“ fresh meat,	123 80
“ salt pork,	20 61
“ clothing,	43 22

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Amount carried forward, \$650 04

Amount brought forward,		\$650 04	
To Cash paid for household furniture,	25 54		
“ farming tools,	32 59		
“ fish,	47 70		
“ soap,	21 80		
“ cider and vinegar,	9 90		
“ boots and shoes,	8 45		
“ bakers' bread,	10 00		
“ blacksmithing,	5 21		
“ horse hire and car fare,	13 61		
“ fruit and vegetables,	7 04		
“ labor in the house,	36 75		
“ medicine,	6 80		
“ spirituous liquors,	6 25		
“ two shoats,	11 00		
“ beans,	2 88		
“ snuff and tobacco,	16 10		
“ sundry expense,	10 88		
“ doctor's bill,	30 00		
“ funeral expense,	23 00		
“ salary of sup't,	200 00		
	<hr/>		\$1,175 54

*Credits.*

By labor of superintendent and team,	\$125 00		
“ keeping peddlers,	23 75		
“ lumber sold,	23 00		
“ wood sold,	5 00		
“ butter sold,	38 15		
“ milk and eggs,	19 01		
“ two calves,	20 00		
“ labor of inmates,	4 76		
“ potatoes sold,	7 00		
	<hr/>		265 67
Amount carried forward,			<hr/> \$909 87

Amount brought forward,      \$909 87

*Expense of the Poor out of the Almshouse: —*

Paid city of Lawrence for support of		
Philander King,	\$9 00	
Supplies furnished Rhoda Abbot,	43 50	
"    of Reuben Butters,	8 00	
Expense incurred for burial of James		
Rocket,	24 00	
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	\$84 50	
By cash received of town of Woburn,		
for supplies furnished Rhoda Abbot,	43 50	
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		\$41 00
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Total amount of expense of the poor,		\$950 87

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	} Overseers
HENRY SHELDON,	
SAMUEL B. NICHOLS,	
	of
	Poor.

Wilmington, Feb. 1, 1872.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Orders drawn for Expenses of the Poor,	\$950 87
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### *Expenses of Town Officers:—*

Paid William H. Carter, services as Town	
Clerk, and making Returns,	\$24 40
L. C. Eames, services as Selectman,	
Assessor, & Overseer of the Poor,	75 00
Henry Sheldon, do.,	65 00
Samuel B. Nichols, do.,	65 00
Warren Eames, services as Treasurer	
and Collector,	100 00
S. B. Nichols, services as Constable,	20 00
Warren Eames, Wm. H. Carter, and	
L. C. Eames, services as School	
Committee,	40 00
S. B. Nichols, care of Cemetery,	10 00
do., care of Town House,	5 00
do., return of deaths to Town Clerk,	1 80
C. L. Carter, auditing Treasurer's	
accounts,	5 00
Wm. H. Carter,	3 00
	414 20

### *Expenses of Repairing Roads:*

Paid James K. Pearson, for labor,	\$107 20
Wm. H. Carter, 2d, do.,	248 28
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Amounts carried forward,	\$355 48 \$1,365 07

Amounts brought forward,	\$355 48	\$1,365 07
Paid Frederic S. White, for labor,	75 00	
Charles M. Gowing, do.,	75 00	
Henry Sheldon, do.,	225 00	
Sylvester Carter, Jr., do.,	150 00	
Wesley Nason, extra do.,	4 80	
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*Miscellaneous Expenses:*

Paid J. L. Parker, for printing 500 copies of Town valuation,	\$107 00	
Town Reports,	43 00	
Blank Books,	5 50	
Printing blank deeds for Burial lots,	5 00	
Express, Postage, and Stationery,	7 85	
Ringling bell for Town purposes, 20 months,	25 00	
D. P. Brigham, for labor and ma- terials repairing Cemetery fence,	123 85	
Repairing School houses,	20 27	
School books,	84 21	
Isaac Damon, for watching fire in Sawpit woods, Aug. 1870,	6 00	
Noah Clapp, balance for building South School House,	69 17	
Abatement of Taxes,	12 10	
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*Amount of State Aid paid to the Widows and  
Orphans of deceased Soldiers, and those  
partially disabled in the Service: —*

Paid Mary A. Chapman,	\$96 00	
Lavina Jane Blaisdell,	88 00	
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Amounts carried forward,	\$184 00	\$2,759 30



Amounts brought forward,	\$184 00	\$2,759 30
Paid Daniel R. Upton, Guardian,	48 00	
Widow Ambrose Upton,	80 00	
Stephen Frye,	72 00	
Mary A. Phelps,	92 00	
Willie R. Butters,	36 00	
	<hr/>	512 00

*Expense of Schools: —*

Paid teacher of Select School,	\$224 80	
furniture for School room,	167 37	
fuel and incidentals,	75 83	
Paid teacher for East School,	224 00	
fuel and incidentals,	29 57	
Paid teacher for West School,	203 00	
fuel and incidentals,	17 90	
Paid teacher for Centre School,	216 00	
fuel and incidentals,	35 80	
Paid teacher for North School,	216 00	
fuel and incidentals,	24 32	
Paid teacher for South School,	224 00	
fuel and incidentals,	34 10	
	<hr/>	1,692 69
Total expenditures,		<hr/> \$4,963 99

LEMUEL C. EAMES,  
HENRY SHELDON,  
SAMUEL B. NICHOLS, } *Selectmen.*

Wilmington, Feb. 1st, 1872.

# STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## *Births Registered in Wilmington in 1871.*

No.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	DATE OF BIRTH.
1	Harry Benjamin Lowe,	Timothy and Mary S. Lowe,	January 22, 1871.
2	Simon Firmane Doucett,	Dominique and Ann J. Doucett,	March 17, 1871.
3	Francene Alisa Buck,	Otis C. and Caroline R. Buck,	April 26, 1871.
4	Milton G. Upton,	Daniel R. and Clara G. Upton,	June 13, 1871.
5	Charles Willard Buck,	Charles and Susan S. Buck,	July 3, 1871.
6	Francois H. Doucett,	Joseph and Gertrude Doucett,	July 11, 1871.
7	Ada Florence Frost,	William A. and Phoebe E. Frost,	July 22, 1871.
8	Antenell Mabell Pike,	John S. and Mary Abbie Pike,	July 28, 1871.
9	Rosalie Elizabeth Doucett,	Timothy and Matilda Doucett,	August 17, 1871.
10	James William Miller,	James and Mary J. Miller,	August 2, 1871.
11	William Otis Carter,	James O. and Elizabeth R. Carter,	December 2, 1871.
12	Althea Maud Harnden,	Otis and Mary Harnden,	December 5, 1871.
13	Charlotte Butters,	Frederick and Fanny Butters,	December 16, 1871.
14	Ethel Jane Batcheller,	James H. and Mary E. Batcheller,	December 30, 1871.
15	John R. McIntosh,	George W. and Mary A. McIntosh,	December 22, 1871.
16	Carrie M. Swain,	Charles W. and Harriet A. Swain,	October 6, 1871.

*Marriages Registered in Wilmington in 1871.*

No.	DATE OF M.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE.	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF M.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1	Jan. 11	James W. Murray, Alice J. Perry,	23 27	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Carpenter,	Hill, N. H., Wilmington,	Hugh and Elsie A. Murray. John S. and Martha Perry.
2	Jan. —	Joseph Doucett, Hannah Doucett,	21 21	Wilmington, Lowell,	Laborer,	Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia,	Thomas and Mary Doucett. John and Mary Doucett.
3	Jan. 25	J. Sheldon Sargent, Angeline Buck,	24 18	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Butcher,	Oxford, N. H. Wilmington,	John B. and Clarisa Sargent. Henry and Sylvia Buck.
4	Mar. 2	John S. Pike, Mary Abby Walker,	20 20	Reading, Wilmington,	Salesman,	Reading, Wilmington,	Stephen T. and Martha Pike. George and Hannah Walker.
5	Ap'l 22	Edward Mears, Ellen M. Slack,	43 30	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Farmer,	Tewksbury, Wilmington,	Russell and Hannah Mears. George and Louisa K. Slack.
6	Oct. 3	Lemuel Pope, Lucelia A. Butters,	27 26	Acton, Wilmington,	Farmer,	Kingston, Wilmington,	Aug. R. and Lucy A. Pope. Lorenzo & Angelina Butters.
7	—	Cilvine Doucett, Maggie Froton,	22 26	Nova Scotia, Wilmington,	Laborer,	Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia,	John & Mataline M. Doucett. Peter and Elizabeth Froton.

*Deaths Registered in Wilmington in 1871.*

NO	DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.	CON- DITION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	April 10	Leroy Carter,	25y	single	Wilmington.	Jonathan L. and Mary,	convulsions.
2	April 11	Henry Harnden,	63	single	Wilmington.	Joshua and Dolly Harnden,	bronchitis.
3	April 24	Eugene B. Nichols,	11	single	Wilmington.	H. Brewster and Phoebe —	dropsey.
4	April 25	Sarah Jaquith,	58	marr'd	Wilmington.	Sewall and Sarah Buck,	typhoid fever.
5	April 25	William A. Butters,	45	marr'd	Bedford.	Daniel and Susan Butters,	typhoid fever.
6	May 28	Betsey Tweed,	86	widow			
7	June 13	Milton G. Upton,	1d		Wilmington.	Daniel R. and Clara Upton.	hemorrhage.
8	Aug. 4	Willie C. Mears,	5y	single	Wilmington.	Edward and Abilene Mears,	brain fever.
9	Sept. 9	William Fortis,	53	marr'd	England.	William and Sarah Fortis,	cancer.
10	Sept. 17	Mary J. Boyce,	41	marr'd	Wilmington.	Francis and Betsey Snow,	gastritis.
11	Sept. 18	Frederick Butters,	75	single	Wilmington.	Amos and Mary Butters,	debility.
12	Sept. 18	Oliver J. Killom,	57	marr'd	Hillsboro, N.H.	Thomas and Lois Killom,	cancer.
13	Sept. 23	Sarah T. Eames,	68	widow	No. Reading.	James and Sarah Taylor,	gangrene.
14	Oct. 6	James Rocket,	30	marr'd	Ireland.		jump from car.
15	Oct. 28	James K. Pearson,	43	marr'd	Wilmington.	Nathan and Lydia Pearson,	diphtheria.
16	Nov. 30	Hugh Murray,	56	marr'd	Hill, N. H.	James and Elizabeth Murray,	freezing.
17	Dec. 20	Mary E. Miligan,	27	marr'd	Wilmington.	Lem'l C. & Catherine Eames.	consumption.
18	Dec. 21	Elizabeth W. Carter,	75	marr'd	Duxbury.	Samuel and Judith Walker.	heart disease.

## Dr.        WARREN EAMES, TREAS'R, IN ACCOUNT

1872, Feb. 10.

To cash on hand in former settlement,	\$1,332 45
Amount of taxes uncollected, 1869,	3 81
Amount of taxes uncollected, 1870,	941 13
Cash received from town notes issued,	5,068 00
“        on account state aid,	452 00
“        for corporation tax,	134 99
“        for bank tax,	113 18
“        for lots in cemetery,	37 90
“        for dog licenses,	35 78
“        for lease of Silver Lake,	1 00
Cash received from Jonas Alexander in part pay- ment for funeral expenses of his sister Lucy,	10 00
To cash received from town of Woburn for sup- plies furnished to Rhoda Abbott,	43 50
Cash for interest on taxes, 1870,	6 64
Cash for interest on taxes, 1871,	28 22
Cash from S. B. Nichols for school books,	78 87
Amount of tax, 1871, committed,	8,957 18
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	\$17,244 65



## WITH THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON.

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1872, Feb. 10.

By cash paid sundry notes of the town,	\$5,100 00
“ interest on town notes,	765 73
“ town orders,	5,010 26
“ state tax,	1,475 00
“ county tax,	600 47
Amount uncollected tax, 1869,	3 81
“ “ “ 1870,	45 84
“ “ “ 1871,	1,545 72
Cash paid C. M. Gowing,	100 00
Balance in treasury,	2,597 82

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 \$17,244 65

We, the undersigned, a committee chosen by the town of Wilmington to settle the town's accounts with Warren Eames, Treasurer, have attended that service, and find the account to stand as above stated, and that there is due from him to the town Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-seven  $\frac{82}{100}$  Dollars.

CYRUS L. CARTER, }  
 WM. H. CARTER, } *Committee.*

Wilmington, Feb. 10th, 1872.

## OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Note to J. L. Carter, May 1, 1868,	\$1500 00
“ Mrs. Polly Parker, March 2, 1865,	138 00
“ Darius Buck, August 9, 1865,	600 00
“ Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1866,	2,000 00
“ Nathan E. Buck, Oct. 24, 1866,	300 00
“ L. A. Avery, June 29, 1867,	100 00
“ L. F. Avery, May 6, 1868,	100 00
“ Otis C. Buck, April 20, 1869,	500 00
“ C. M. Gowing, April 1, 1870,	200 00
“ Otis C. Buck, Aug. 20, 1870,	500 00
“ “ Dec. 3, 1870,	500 00
“ Benjamin Buck, Dec. 23, 1870,	1,000 00
“ J. A. Ames, April 1, 1871,	500 00
“ L. C. Eames, April 1, 1871,	1,000 00
“ Darius Buck, April 1, 1871,	500 00
“ Sarah J. Buck, April 13, 1871,	293 00
“ J. A. Ames, May 24, 1871,	500 00
“ H. M. Eames, Trustee, May 4, 1871,	75 00
“ Sarah J. Buck, Oct. 5, 1871,	100 00
“ C. M. Gowing, April 1, 1871,	100 00
“ Levi & Ward Parker, balance,	426 46
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	\$10,932 46
Town orders,	\$56 94
Due Alexander Ellis,	103 50
“ trustees of library,	100 00
“ schools from state fund,	51 00
“ dog licenses,	35 78
“ Select School,	356 80
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	704 02
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	\$11,636 48

## ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	\$2,597 82	
Uncollected taxes,	1,595 37	
Burial lots unpaid,	34 00	
Use of Town Hall,	11 00	
Amount due for state aid,	512 00	
	<hr/>	4,750 19
Net Indebtedness of the Town,		<hr/> \$6,886 29

The Cash in the Treasury has been reduced thirteen hundred and fifty dollars since the settlement with the Treasurer by payment of notes and orders.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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In the discharge of the duty assigned them, the School Committee of Wilmington present to the Town their Annual Report. We have nothing new to offer, and would gladly forego this duty altogether, for we realize that to most of our fellow-citizens a report is considered little else than trespass upon their time and patience. But in the "Revised Statutes" it states "that the School Committee shall annually make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to the schools as the committee deem necessary to promote the growth thereof." We do not understand this "act" to necessitate our entering into all the minutiae of each teacher's system of training, nor do we think such a course beneficial to the public or to the teachers themselves. In our visits to the several schools during the year, we have called attention to some defects which have existed, and we are happy to say these suggestions were always kindly received, and in most instances acted upon with beneficial results. Although we have passed through the usual ordeal of changing teachers, yet we believe our schools are in a more prosperous condition at the present time than one year ago. The teachers employed have been mostly of a high standard, and their methods of instruction thorough and practical. In a few instances it was felt that corporal punishment was injudiciously administered; but as soon as attention was called to the subject there was no more occasion for censure.

We do not profess to number ourselves with those who would abolish the rod altogether. Our experience with

children has proved to us that there are times in nearly every child's life when it is the most convincing argument that can be used. We hear a great deal about the improvement constantly going on in our human nature, and are happy to believe it may be so; still we venture to assert that the day is far distant when all our children will be model scholars. We believe in the divine law of love and in moral suasion as fully as any one, but when these fail we think compulsory obedience better than none, and coincide with a certain clergyman, "that it will be soon enough to do away with the rod when the class for whom it was originally intended becomes extinct." The branches in which our schools generally are most backward are spelling and penmanship. At an examination of candidates for admission to our High School in these branches, they were nearly all lamentably deficient. It has been wisely said "that we are not sure of our knowledge unless we can write it down." Writing tends to produce accuracy of thought, and fixes the idea more firmly in the mind. In the East School the advanced class is required to write the spelling exercises. This practice is very beneficial, and we hope it may be generally adopted. We have received the usual number of circulars from publishers desirous of introducing new school-books.

From the frequency and urgency of their claims we have sometimes queried whether the wise man had particular reference to school-books when he remarked, "Of making many books there is no end." Of the many presented we have introduced but two — Guyot's Geography in our High School and a part of Hillard's series of readers in our common schools. These were introduced at a liberal discount, and we believe they have given satisfaction to teachers and scholars. We would impress anew upon the minds of all our teachers a deeper sense of the responsibility of their work. In every form before them there is an immortal mind looking forth for guidance and instruction, and it is a



grand and noble work to mould the young and opening mind for great and true ends.

In place of the spirit of "Young America," so disgustingly prevalent at the present time, we would have our children taught the debt of gratitude they owe to the wise, the mighty and the good, who have preceded them, and from whose labors they are reaping the benefit. Nor would we educate the head at the expense of the heart; for it is virtue combined with intelligence that most exalts a people. There have been several instances of the most complicated villainy brought to light during the past year, where the perpetrators were well skilled in this world's lore, but destitute of all moral principle, and their learning had simply enabled them to take advantage of the weakness of others, and to carry out their own schemes more perfectly. In fact we want instructors who will educate a child in what is beautiful as well as useful; in what will make a child happy as well as learned, and in what will elevate as well as instruct the mind. This is true education.

#### EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Rebecca Eames still has charge of this School. For many successive terms this name has appeared in our reports, and always attended with words of good cheer. We are happy to bear our renewed testimony to the worth of her earnest, loving efforts for the highest good of those under her care.

#### WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Clara E. Bancroft taught this School both terms. This name is also familiar to our readers, having received favorable mention many times in the past. Although this School is small, yet it requires the same qualifications on the part of the teacher for its successful management, as larger schools.

## CENTRE SCHOOL.

The summer term of this School was under the care of Miss Mary E. Nichols. This name received extended notice the past year, and what was then said, is substantially true of the present. As Miss N. did not wish to continue her labors in Wilmington, Miss M. F. Cummings, of Boston, taught the winter term. She entered upon her duties with a well defined plan of action, which was most faithfully carried out, and the term proved, as might be expected, a successful one. Her system of instruction is well adapted to a higher grade of schools.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

This School was taught during the summer and nearly all the winter term by Miss H. M. Avery of Wakefield. Under her care the school progressed quietly and prosperously. The order was excellent, and in most of the branches taught commendable improvement was made. The map drawing in this School, as well as in the East, is worthy of special notice. Having an opportunity to take charge of a yearly school, she was released, at her own request, from her engagement here, four weeks previous to the close of the winter term. Miss Thomas, of Wakefield, was selected to finish the term. To the credit of the School be it said, the scholars united readily in support of the new teacher, and the change produced but little hindrance in their studies. From what we could judge of Miss Thomas's method of instruction in so short a time, she seemed to possess many of the qualifications necessary for a successful teacher. We shall be glad to continue her labors another term.

## NORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Ella M. Dager of Wakefield was the teacher for the summer term. This was her first experience in teaching ;

and, considering the previous reputation of a portion of the School, a good degree of success attended her efforts. The improvement was most manifest among the Misses of the School. Her literary qualifications are of a high order, and aided by the wisdom gained from experience, we feel sure will make a thoroughly successful teacher. Mr. Mather, of Andover, taught the winter term. This was his first attempt at teaching, but we believe his labors gave general satisfaction. Whenever visited by the Committee and at the closing examination, the School appeared well.

At the meeting held in March last there was a sum of money appropriated for the establishment of a High School. There had been no concerted plan of action previous to the meeting; and as there seemed to be numerous obstacles in the way of its accomplishment, the project was for the time abandoned. In autumn, public sentiment demanding that some decisive steps should be taken, our Town House was fitted up for a school-room. Miss A. B. Chandler, of Andover, was engaged as teacher, and on the 18th of Sept. our new High School commenced its existence. In deference to custom we call it a High School, but, in reality, it has simply been an experiment. Some of its opposers claim that the school has been an unnecessary expense, from the fact that the same branches have been taught as in the Common Schools. This is true; and yet this state of things could not well be avoided. With a few exceptions, we had no scholars qualified to pursue the higher branches. Had our school been established in 1867 instead of 1871, we might have had an advanced class that any town would have reason to be proud of; but we offered that class no advantages, and they are now attending or have graduated from High Schools *in other towns*.

We were highly favored in the selection of our teacher, who has proved all that we expected or could reasonably desire. A teacher of culture and experience, she has been enthusiastic, diligent and patient in imparting instruction, and has sought to kindle a like enthusiasm in the minds of

her pupils. A very pleasant state of feeling has existed between teacher and scholars, and, taken all together, our school has been a decided success.

There was some ill feeling occasioned by the refusal of the Committee to admit a new class the second term; but upon examination it was ascertained that it would be necessary to form a new division, if they were admitted. It was felt that such a course would be detrimental to the best interests of the school. If we wish our school to command respect, we must have a standard for admission, to which all desirous of entering must conform. The question has been often asked: "Will our school be continued?" We appeal to the good sense of our town's people to reply. The expense has been trifling to each individual, compared with the advantages gained, and we hope they will rise above such narrow, selfish views, and be governed by an intelligent, comprehensive estimate of the matter, treating the cause of education as one of the main pillars of social order and material prosperity. We see the population of other towns rapidly increasing, and houses going up, as it were, by magic, while our census remains nearly unchanged; and it is rare, indeed, that the architect and mechanic are called within our borders. We lament the lack of enterprise — the stagnation, so to speak, that seems to have settled upon us as a town; but the impediment is in ourselves. We must put forth earnest, self-denying efforts to make our town more attractive. While other towns are throwing open the doors of their high schools and academies, and inviting people to share their privileges, can we expect intelligent, enterprising persons, with families to educate, to voluntarily locate in a town whose educational privileges are, or have been, six months in a year in a common school?

Generations back, Wilmington sent forth sons widely known, not only in the business, but in the scientific world: but of later years our laurels have been mostly bloody ones, and our reputation more for the abundance of the meat that



perisheth than for intellectual food. We sincerely hope that our town's people will lay aside all party spirit, and unite in supporting such measures as will tend to build us up as a people, that Wilmington, fair in her natural proportions, may take her place in the front rank with sister towns in whatever tends to promote education, morality, and true prosperity. "For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence; but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it."

WARREN EAMES, }  
L. C. EAMES, } *School Committee.*  
W. H. CARTER, }

WILMINGTON, February 24th, 1872.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

Name of School.	Name of Teacher.	Terms.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attend.	Length of School.	Wages per month.
East,	Miss Rebecca Eames,	Summer	32	30	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ mos.	\$32.00
"	" " "	Winter	38	32	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	32.00
West,	" Clara E. Bancroft,	Summer	13	11 3-5	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	28.00
"	" " "	Winter	12	11	4 "	28.00
Centre,	" Mary E. Nichols,	Summer	39	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 "	32.00
"	" May F. Cummings,	Winter	30	23	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	32.00
South,	" Hellen M. Avery,	Summer	22	20	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	32.00
"	" Avery & S. Thomas,	Winter	35	26	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	32.00
North,	" Ella Dager,	Summer	26	22	3 "	32.00
"	Mr. Wallace E. Mather,	Winter	25	20	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	32.00



# TOWN WARRANT.

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*To Samuel B. Nichols, Constable of the Town of Wilmington.*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at ten o'clock, A. M.,—the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock, A. M.,—to act upon the following articles, viz. :

ART. FIRST.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. SECOND.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. THIRD.—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate to defray annual expenses and pay Town debts.

ART. FOURTH.—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of Schools.

ART. FIFTH.—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Select School.

ART. SIXTH.—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support and repairs of Highways.

ART. SEVENTH.—To hear report of the Auditing Committee.

ART. EIGHTH.—To see in what manner the Town will order the money raised for the support and repairs of Highways expended.

ART. NINTH.—To choose Trustees for the Town Library, and see if the Town will classify them.

ART. TENTH.—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of books for the Town Library.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, in said Wilmington, this  
twenty-second day of February, in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven-  
ty-two.

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	}	Selectmen of Wilmington.
HENRY SHELDON,		
SAML. B. NICHOLS,		

A true copy. Attest: SAML. B. NICHOLS, Constable.

# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

## TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

FROM FEB. 1, 1872, TO FEB. 1, 1873,

### Report of the School Committee

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1872-3.

AND THE

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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W O B U R N :

JOHN L. PARKER, PRINTER, 204 MAIN STREET.

1873.



## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1872.

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### SELECTMEN.

THOMAS P. EAMES, *Chairman*,  
H. ALLEN SHELDON, SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

### TOWN CLERK.

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

### TREASURER.

CYRUS L. CARTER.

### ASSESSORS.

THOMAS P. EAMES, H. ALLEN SHELDON,  
SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

THOMAS P. EAMES, H. ALLEN SHELDON,  
SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WARREN EAMES, term expires, March, 1874.

LEMUEL C. EAMES, " " 1873.

Joshua Buffum, elected, but declined serving. Consequently there must be two chosen in 1873; one for two years, and one for three years.



## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CYRUS L. CARTER, *Chairman*,  
 LEMUEL C. EAMES, CHAS. W. SWAIN, *Sec.*  
 SAMUEL A. TOOTHAKER, WARREN EAMES,  
 M. H. FITZGERALD.

## TREASURER AND LIBRARIAN.

CHARLES W. SWAIN.

## AUDITORS.

LEMUEL C. EAMES, CYRUS L. CARTER,  
 CHARLES W. SWAIN.

## COLLECTOR.

WARREN EAMES.

## CONSTABLES

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS, A. PORTER PEARSON,

## FENCE VIEWERS.

H. ALLEN SHELDON, T. FORD GOWING,  
 D. P. BRIGHAM.

## POLICE OFFICER.

A. PORTER PEARSON

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

THOMAS P. EAMES, SAMUEL B. NICHOLS,  
 H. ALLEN SHELDON.

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

SILAS BROWN,	JOHN N. EAMES,
H. ALLEN SHELDON,	ALANSON JAQUITH,
NOAH CLAPP.	

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

EDWARD A. CARTER,	HENRY SHELDON,
NOAH CLAPP,	T. FORD GOWING,
SYLVESTER CARTER, JR.,	SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## PUBLIC WEAHER OF MERCHANDISE.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## FIELD DRIVERS.

JAMES SKILTON,	WARREN EAMES,	OTIS C. BUCK,
SOLON L. JOHNSON,	A. P. PEARSON,	
W. WARREN CARTER,	NEWTON GEORGE,	
GEORGE T. EAMES, WM. PEIRCE, E. B. AVERY.		

## POUND KEEPER.

S. B. NICHOLS.

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### *Names and ages of the Inmates of the Almshouse: —*

Nancy Alexander,	84	years.	
Judith Alexander,	77	“	
Louisa Burt,	68	“	
Elbridge Butters,	67	“	
Abiel G. Carter,	61	“	admitted Oct. 11, 1872,
Albert Carter,	53	“	
H. Orn Bancroft,	40	“	
Fanny Butters,	32	“	
John Bancroft,	30	“	
Charlotte Butters,	1	“	
Whole number,			10
Present number,			10

### VAGRANTS.

Number of lodgings furnished,	144
“ meals “	405

### *Expense at the Almshouse: —*

To cash paid for flour and grain,	\$219 68
“ groceries,	246 22
“ fish,	49 87
“ dry goods and clothing,	50 26
“ fresh meat,	115 08
“ swine,	13 00
“ neat stock,	460 00
“ salt hay,	25 78
“ snuff and tobacco,	14 55
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,194 44

*Amount brought forward,*

\$1,194 44

To cash paid for bakers' bread,	16 94	
“ grass seed,	7 02	
“ farming tools,	7 90	
“ boots and shoes,	18 42	
“ household furniture,	13 13	
“ soap,	17 62	
“ earthenware,	6 00	
“ oil carpet,	13 75	
“ drugs and medicine,	8 57	
“ spirituous liquors,	3 75	
“ cider and casks,	9 74	
“ horse hire and car fare,	23 00	
“ blacksmith bill,	16 05	
“ labor on farm,	43 00	
“ labor in house,	25 00	
“ Dr. Toothakers bill,	22 00	
“ Dr. Drews bill,	20 00	
“ sundry expense,	16 28	
“ repairs on buildings,	40 61	
“ salary of sup't	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,723 22

*Credits.*

Received for neat stock sold,	\$559 00	
“ labor done off the farm,	200 75	
“ butter,	53 97	
“ poultry, eggs and milk,	24 28	
“ wood,	17 95	
“ potatoes,	8 50	
“ keeping peddlers,	18 50	
“ of Boston and Lowell R. R.		
Co., for gravel,	49 95	
“ Harrison Bancroft, towards		
support of H. Orn Bancroft,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,032 90
Total expense at Almshouse,		\$690 32

*Amount brought forward,* \$690 32

*Outside Relief: —*

Cash paid for wood furnished Peter Val-		
entine,	\$16 75	
Wood furnished widow Reuben		
Butters,	17 00	
City of Lawrence for supplies fur-		
nished Philander M. King,	5 00	
Care and burial of a foundling,	15 00	
Town of Woburn for wood and		
coal for Mrs. Olive Tweed,		
wife of Zebediah Tweed,	10 69	
	<hr/>	\$64 44
Total expense of poor,		<hr/> \$754 76

THOMAS P. EAMES,	} <i>Overseers</i>
H. ALLEN SHELDON,	
S. B. NICHOLS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Poor.</i>

Wilmington, February 1, 1873.



## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The several sums have been paid to the following named persons for labor and materials, viz : —

F. M. Boyington,	\$64 00
C. M. Gowing,	137 25
John G. Morrill,	91 00
T. P. Eames,	44 40
William Pierce,	2 50
John Bailey,	10 00
Isaac Damon,	18 00
Henry Gerald,	8 00
John Doucett,	2 00
Joshua White,	8 00
Joseph Muse,	4 00
Thomas McDonald,	6 00
Henry Buck,	51 00
George Fortis,	82 00
James Fortis,	59 00
Benjamin F. Perry,	56 50
Maynard Spaulding,	62 30
Henry Sheldon,	4 00
Horace Sheldon,	14 00
L. C. Eames,	11 00
Harvey Carter,	6 30
H. Allen Sheldon,	148 00
S. B. Nichols,	2 10
J. T. Wild,	5 00
Patrick Dowd,	2 31
Noah Clapp, gravel,	2 50

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*Amount carried forward,*

\$901 16

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	\$901 16	
James J. Harnden, gravel,	2 00	
Henry Boutwell,	44 85	
William H. Carter, 2d,	10 00	
Nathan Buck,	60	
George Walker,	63 59	
Hiram Bancroft,	60	
Warren Eames,	5 00	
S. O. Blanchard, gravel taken in 1867, '70, and '71,	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,040 80

THOMAS P. EAMES,	} <i>Surveyors</i>
H. ALLEN SHELDON,	
S. B. NICHOLS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Highways.</i>

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

*Expenses of Town Officers:—*

Paid William H. Carter, services as Town Clerk, and making returns,	\$21 70	
T. P. Eames, services as Selectman, Assessor, & Overseer of the Poor,	85 00	
H. Allen Sheldon, do.,	75 00	
S. B. Nichols, do.,	65 00	
C. L. Carter, services as Treasurer,	50 00	
Warren Eames, services as Collector,	100 00	
“ “ School Committee,	40 00	
S. B. Nichols, services as Constable,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$456 70

*Expenses of Roads and Bridges:—*

Paid T. P. Eames, widening road and building culvert in North part of the Town, near the Beard place,	\$60 00	
Widening bridge and road near North Depot,	204 62	
S. B. Nichols, repairing bridge near Harnden's Mill, and bridge at Shaw-sheen river,	37 14	
J. A. Bancroft, survey and plan for widening road near the hay scales,	3 50	
D. P. Brigham, labor and material for railing highway,	13 74	
James J. Harnden, cedar poles,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$326 00

*Miscellaneous Expenses: —*

Paid J. L. Parker, printing Town Reports,	\$47 00
L. H. Allen, ice case for body pre- server, and stools for coffin stand,	25 00
C. L. Carter, Treasurer's Books,	11 00
T. Patten, damage to horse,	100 00
Town Library appropriation,	145 00
S. Bancroft, legal expense,	16 75
Levi Swain, Jr., repairs at North School House,	3 00
S. B. Nichols, survey, and stone monuments between Tewksbury and Wilmington, in 1871,	10 00
T. P. Eames, stone between Reading and Wilmington, in 1870,	2 50
D. P. Brigham, repairs on pound,	9 75
C. L. Carter, table Selectmen's room,	9 00
D. P. Brigham, repairs on Cemetery fence,	6 67
Warren Eames, labor in Cemetery,	5 00
S. B. Nichols, guide boards,	54 50
Care of Town Hall,	7 00
Care of Cemetery,	10 00
Return of deaths to Town Clerk,	1 80
Express and stationery,	5 85
William H. Carter, postage, express and stationery,	3 50
Journey to Reading to qualify rep- resentative,	2 00
Furniture for Select School room,	20 22
Fuel and incidentals for Town House,	32 27
S. B. Nichols, shovel,	1 25
T. Lowe, abatement of tax wrong- fully assessed,	16 10
Sundry persons on Tax list of 1871,	37 02
“ “ 1872,	18 80

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 \$600 98

*Amount of State Aid paid to Widows and  
Orphans of deceased Soldiers, and those  
partially disabled in the service: —*

Paid Mary A. Phelps,	\$48 00	
Stephen Frye,	72 00	
Willie R. Butters,	36 00	
Mary A. Chapman,	96 00	
Daniel R. Upton, Guardian,	48 00	
Widow Ambrose Upton,	91 00	
L. J. Blaisdell,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$439 00

*Expense of Schools: —*

Paid teacher of Select School,	\$412 80	
fuel and incidentals,	93 87	
Paid teacher of Centre School,	208 00	
fuel and incidentals,	34 48	
Paid teacher of South School,	208 00	
fuel and incidentals,	26 23	
Paid teacher of North School,	226 00	
fuel and incidentals,	23 90	
Paid teacher of West School,	216 00	
fuel and incidentals,	21 30	
Paid teacher of East School,	216 00	
fuel and incidentals,	25 43	
	<hr/>	\$1,712 01
Total expenditures		<hr/> \$5,330 25



*Summary of Expense for the Current Year: —*

Expense of Poor,	\$754 76
Repairs of Highways,	1,040 80
Town Officers,	456 70
Roads and Bridges,	326 00
Miscellaneous,	600 98
State aid,	439 00
Schools,	1,712 01
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	\$5,330 25

THOMAS P. EAMES,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
H. ALLEN SHELDON,	
S. B. NICHOLS,	

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to J. L. Carter, May 1, 1868.		\$1500 00
“ Darius Buck, Oct. 1, 1872,		1100 00
“ Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1866,		2000 00
“ Otis C. Buck, April 20, 1869,		500 00
“ “ Aug. 20, 1870,		500 00
“ “ Dec. 3, 1870,		500 00
“ Benjamin Buck, Dec. 23, 1870.		1000 00
“ L. C. Eames, April 1, 1871.		1000 00
“ H. M. Eames, Trustee, May 4, 1871.		75 00
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		\$8,175 00
Due Center School,	\$29 50	
“ South School,	37 75	
“ North School,	22 08	
“ West School,	34 68	
“ East School,	30 53	
“ High School,	290 91	
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		\$8,620 45

## ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	\$1,124 97	
Amount uncollected tax 1872,	648 12	
Amount due account State aid,	439 00	
Amount due Cemetery fund,	22 33	
	<hr/>	2,254 42
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		\$6,366 03

## DR. C. L. CARTER, TREAS'R, IN ACCOUNT

1872, April.

Cash received of former Treasurer, being bal-		
lance in treasury, Feb. 1872,		\$2,597 82
April, received of Warren Eames, account tax,		229 52
June, " " "		340 00
August, " " "		1005 06
August, " " correction of error,		50 00
October, " " account taxes,		1,751 17
October, " " "		1,000 00
November, " " "		600 00
December, " " "		600 00
Rec'd for Cemetery lots,		12 00
" use of Town House, G. T. Eames,		10 50
" Cemetery lots by Warren Eames,		11 00
" State school fund by Warren Eames,		130 20
" County Treasurer, dog licenses,		50 96
" Cemetery lots,		16 00
" interest from County Treasurer,		2 26
Rec'd from Fish Commissioners,		1 00
" State, account State Aid,		492 00
" State corporation tax,		150 22
" B. & L. R. R. for gravel,		49 95

1873.

Rec'd from Warren Eames, account taxes,		75 00
" " "		900 00
Rec'd State account school fund,		128 78
Rec'd for support H. O. Bancroft,		100 00
Rec'd from Warren Eames, account taxes,		951 03
" C. M. Gowing account Almshouse,		81 30
" S. B. Nichols account books,		67 80
" Interest from New England Trust Co.,		20 16
" Warren Eames account taxes,		347 32

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 \$11,751 05

## WITH THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON.

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Paid Town orders,	\$5,738 19
“ Interest on Town note,	804 54
“ Town's notes,	2,793 70
“ State tax,	780 00
“ State for error in tax,	2 35
“ County tax,	452 30
“ on account Library,	55 00
By balance in treasury,	1,124 97

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 \$11,751 05
C. L. CARTER, *Treasurer.*

Wilmington, Feb. 11th, 1873.

The undersigned a committee chosen on the part of the Town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the above account is correctly cast and properly vouched for, and they find remaining in the treasury One Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-four  $\frac{97}{100}$  Dollars.

LEMUEL C. EAMES, *Committee.*  
THOMAS P. EAMES, *Selectman.*

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### TOWN APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1872.

For Annual Expenses,	\$3,000 00
For Highways,	1,000 00
For Common Schools,	1,070 00
For Select Schooling,*	200 00
For Replenishing Library,	100 00
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	\$5,370 00

\* In addition to \$332.00 appropriated, but unexpended.

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Amount received by the Town Clerk for dog licenses, and paid over to the County Treasurer, \$77 60



# STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## *Births Registered in Wilmington 1872.*

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No.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	DATE OF BIRTH.
1	Horace Sheldon Buck,	Nathan E. and Elvira Y. Buck,	January 24, 1872.
2	Gertrude E. Pearson,	Charles O. and Abbie E. Pearson,	January 28, 1872.
3	Lucia May Cannon,	Wm. C. and Mary E. Cannon,	February 14, 1872.
4	Lizer Frontin,	Simon and Fransoice Frontin,	August 4, 1872.
5	Alice Walker Pike,	John S. and Mary Abbie Pike,	September 24, 1872.
6	Fred Willis Huston,	Josiah B. and Elmira Huston,	October 27, 1872.
7	Lizzie L. Sidelinker,	George W. and Mary A. Sidelinker,	October 30, 1872.
8	Lewis Muse,	Joseph and Margaret Muse,	November 2, 1872.
9	Mary Josephine Levall,	Joseph and Elizabeth Levall,	November 6, 1872.
10	Olive Maria Bodwell,	Stephen and Sarah Bodwell,	November 24, 1872.

*Marriages Registered in Wilmington, 1872.*

No.	DATE OF MARRIAGE.	NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE	RESIDENCES.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1	Jan. 13	Charles O. Fargo.	28	Lynn,	Cord-	Solon, Me.,	Elisha & Mary Fargo.
2	Jan. 31	Mary Eames,	26	Wilmington,	wainer,	Wilmington,	Jonathan & Sarah T. Eames.
3	Mar. 30	Henry Martin Eames,	25	Wilmington,	Butcher,	Wilmington,	L. C. & Catherine Eames.
4	Apr. 3	Caroline F. Walker,	23	Fryburg, Me.		Fryburg, Me.,	Henry & Caroline Walker.
5	Apr. 30	Horace E. Eames,	29	Wilmington,	Butcher,	Wilmington,	Jonathan & Sarah T. Eames.
6	June 26	Annie M. Fletcher,	28	Reading,		Reading,	Warren & Susan R. Fletcher.
7	Sept. 9	Hamilton H. Perkins,	22	Woburn,	Clerk	Woburn,	W. B. & Martha M. Perkins.
8	Sept. 15	Emma M. Perry,	20	Wilmington,	Farmer,	Wilmington,	John S. & Martha G. Perry.
9	Sept. 25	John W. Bruce,	55	Carlisle,		N. Boston, N.H.	James & Sally Bruce.
10	Oct. 16	Susan T. Eames,	43	Wilmington,	Farmer,	Wilmington,	Loton & Susan Eames.
11	Nov. 14	Benjamin F. Perry,	23	Wilmington,		Wilmington,	John S. & Martha G. Perry.
12	Dec. 1	Mary V. Kelly,	28	Woburn,		Woburn,	Warren B. & Phebe Perkins.
13	Jan. 1	Charles A. Taylor,	24	Wilmington,	Carpent'r	Wilmington,	Ellbridge & Abby Taylor,
14	Jan. 8	Ella Chapman,	17	Wilmington,		Russel, N. H.,	Wm. & Mary A. Chapman.
15	Jan. 15	Samuel O. Blanchard,	45	Wilmington,	Clerk,	Wilmington,	W. & Elizabeth Blanchard.
16	Jan. 22	Mary S. Wheeler,	28	Wilmington,		Malden,	Noyes & Laura Wheeler.
17	Jan. 29	Charles M. Wendall,	22	Woburn,	Butcher,	Woburn,	Henry & Julia A. Wendell.
18	Feb. 5	Emma J. Bancroft,	21	Wilmington,		Wilmington,	Hammon & Emeline Bancroft
19	Feb. 12	Horace Caswell,	29	Wilmington,	Ice Mer-	Canada,	Syndorph & Betsey Caswell.
20	Feb. 19	Emma A. Marshall,	25	Wilmington,	chant.	South Boston,	John & Lucy M. Marshall.
21	Feb. 26	Eugene F. Rollins,	25	Burlington,	Farmer,	Lowell, Mass.,	Elisha & Sabrina Rollins.
22	Mar. 5	Frances Addison,	19	Wilmington,		England,	John & Mary A. Adison.

*Deaths Registered in Wilmington, 1872.*

No	DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.	CON- DITION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	Jan. 8	Sarah Jaquith,	Y. M. 49 6	marr'd	Burlington,	Samuel & Sarah Shed,	diphtheria.
2	Jan. 19	Martin V. Drew,	39 2	marr'd	Medford,	Lazarus & Bathsheba Drew	R. R. accident.
3	Feb. 9	A. D. M. Blanchard,	40 9	single	Wilmington,	Wm & Elizabeth Blanchard	Inflam. & Mort.
4	Feb. 10	Sarah F. Davis,	84 6	widow	Haverhill	Jonathan & E. Mooser,	fracture.
5	Feb. 14	Ruth Upton,	77	widow	Dunbarton, NH	Thomas & Patty Burnham,	hypratitis.
6	Apr. 4	Osgood Johnson,	28 6	wid'er	Wilmington,	S. L. & Louisa Johnson,	consumption.
7	Apr. 5	Joab Buck,	72 9	marr'd	Wilmington,	Ephraim & Dorcas Buck,	paralysis.
8	Apr 12	Jonathan H. Gowing,	32	marr'd	Wilmington,	Jonathan & Jane Gowing,	consumption.
9	Apr 14	Foundling,	7d	single	unknown,	not known,	imperfect org.
10	June 4	Moses Earle,	73	wid'er		Jonathan & Hannah Earle,	consumption.
11	Aug 13	Frederick C. Lucas,	7 10	single	Canada,	Robert R. & Mary Lucas,	congestion, brain.
12	Aug 29	Silvery Muse,	1 4	single	Wilmington,	John & Silvery Muse,	cholera infantum.
13	Sept. 7	Ethel Batcheller,	8	single	Wilmington,	Jas. H. & M. Batcheller,	cholera infantum.
14	Sept 16	George Blanchard,	59 5	single	Wilmington,	William & E. Blanchard,	diabetis.
15	Oct. 15	Hannah E. Upton,	85	widow	Wilmington,	Jonathan & M. Eames,	old age.
16	Oct. 27	Celia M. Simonds,	18 5	single		Otis & Ellen C. Simonds,	consumption.
17	Dec. 11	Bernard Owens,	27 5	marr'd	Ireland,	Barney & Bridget Owens,	dropsy. .

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1872-3

The East School has been under the care of Miss Rebecca Eames, during the year. She possesses pre-eminent ability and aptitude for the instruction of youth. The moral influence in this school is worthy of all praise.

The North School during the Summer term was under the tuition of Miss Carrie Wood. The Winter term was taught by Miss Bancroft. They are both efficient, pains-taking teachers and secured the approbation of parents and the Committee.

Miss Dager taught the Summer term of the Centre School. The improvement so plainly visible this term over her first attempts at teaching, was highly gratifying to the Committee, and leads us to hope for still better things in the future. Miss Emma Eames taught the Winter term, and although a novice in the art of teaching, the school passed along quietly and with a good degree of satisfaction. We can truly say she has made an excellent beginning.

Miss Eastman taught the West School both terms. She exhibited fine tact both for teaching and governing, and the closing examination was creditable alike to teacher and scholars.

The South School was taught in the Summer by Miss Thomas, and in the Winter by Miss Buck. It was with both, their first experience in teaching, and the school made as much progress, and was in all respects as successful as could be expected.

The High School which has been under the superintendence of Miss Chandler, the past year, is still in session at



the time of writing this Report. Uniting as she does, ability and experience, with a genuine fondness for the work ; the school has proved a successful one, and has met the reasonable expectation of its patrons and the public. With a few exceptions, the diligence and punctuality of the scholars have been all that we could expect, and we are persuaded that this school is exerting a favorable influence upon the educational interests of the town.

While we congratulate our citizens upon the degree of prosperity enjoyed during the year, we feel that fearless criticism is no less a duty, if our progress in culture is to keep pace with the requirements of the present age.

We have employed teachers whom we believed qualified for the positions assigned them, and although a greater degree of success has attended the labors of some, than others ; still, all things considered, we have been well satisfied. There has been some fault-finding outside the school room, but upon investigation there was found to be little ground for complaint. It has been remarked "that if there is any one profession that people know all about (in their own estimation), it is how to keep a common school," nearly all consider themselves adepts in the profound knowledge of this art ; and hence arises the difficulty, for no two think alike. There is much of truth in the above quotation, and so long as such a state of things exists how can a teacher give universal satisfaction ?

Our Registers are sadly disfigured with absent marks. In some schools a portion of the older scholars have been absent more than half the time. Such attendance is little better than staying away altogether. We wish parents realized the evil of allowing their children to pursue such a course. It is a positive injury to the scholar and to society itself ; for can we expect intelligent virtuous citizens to be developed under such circumstances ?

An important and too much neglected study, is the study of the language itself. We have heard correct answers given from the text-books when the scholar did not know



the meaning of the phraseology used. In this connection we cannot speak too highly of the practice of writing topics on the black-board, and then requiring the pupils to enlarge upon them as fully and accurately as possible. It creates much work for the teacher, but in no other way can freedom and skill in the use of the language be so readily attained. It may be practiced with profit, as soon as the scholars can write legibly; and if imposed in simple, attractive ways, may be made one of the pleasantest, as well as most useful exercises, ever prescribed.

We think the prize system in schools is attended with quite as much evil as good. If an equality of talent could be established in the competitors the objection would be removed; but there is such a diversity in the natural gifts that often times the most laborious effort is the least successful, so far as the mere prize is concerned. The rivalry thus becomes a source of injustice, and virtually sets one scholar against another.

We feel it our duty to call the attention of the Town to our school-houses. The remarks made years ago respecting their condition, are doubly applicable to-day. The external appearance of some of them is anything but inviting to the spectator, and the internal arrangement subjects the scholar to very unnatural as well as uncomfortable positions. In short, friends of education, is it what you desire for your children and what the best interests of the Town demand?

We cannot close our Report without alluding to the importance of a more thorough training in those elementary branches which form the ground work of all educational progress. We all know the fate of the material edifice which was built without foundation, and the same principle holds true of the intellectual one. Our schools are one of the bulwarks of our liberty and the practical education of our children is the only insurance we have of its security and continuance. What we ask for the rising generation is that they may be educated both in mind and heart with all that thoroughness which the interests at stake demand, that the

glory of our Republican institutions may be preserved and perpetuated in all coming time.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN EAMES, }  
LEMUEL C. EAMES. } *School Committee.*

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

Name of School.	Name of Teacher.	Terms.	No. Schol.	Average Attend.	No. Schol. under 5 y.	No. Schol. over 15 y.	Length of School.	Wages per month.
High and Gram.,	Miss A. B. Chandler,	Spring	20	19	0	15	3 mos.	\$48.00
East,	" " "	Fall	32	28	0	20	3 "	48.00
"	" " "	Winter	30	27	0	19	3 "	48.00
Centre,	" Rebecca Eames,	Summer	37	33	1	2	3 "	32.00
"	" " "	Winter	39	31 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	4	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	32.00
"	" M. Ella Dager,	Summer	34	29 $\frac{5}{8}$	0	0	3 "	32.00
South,	" M. Emma Eames,	Winter	39	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	0	4 "	28.00
"	" Sarah L. Thomas,	Summer	37	32 $\frac{6}{10}$	0	0	3 "	32.00
West,	" Mary E. Buck,	Winter	33	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	3	4 "	28.00
"	" M. Phenie Eastman	Summer	11	11	0	1	3 "	32.00
North,	" " "	Winter	11	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	0	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	32.00
"	" Carrie E. Wood,	Summer	26	21	0	2	3 "	32.00
"	" Clara E. Bancroft,	Winter	18	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	1	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	32.00

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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The following are the regulations of the Wilmington Public Library :—

I.—The Library will be opened on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from half-past four to half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

II.—Residents of the town, over fourteen years of age, may have the use of the Library.

III.—Strangers, residing here temporarily, wishing to obtain any of the Books, may apply to any of the Trustees.

IV.—No person shall have more than one volume at a time for his own use.

V.—All books shall be returned for annual examination, on or before the first Wednesday in February. A fine of one dollar will be imposed for any breach of this rule.

VI.—No person who is in arrears for fines, or damages, will be allowed to take books from the Library.

VII.—Any person detaining a book longer than one month shall pay six cents per week thereafter until returned.

VIII.—Any person damaging or losing a book, belonging to the Library, shall pay such sum as the trustees may determine.

## LIST OF DONATIONS

to the Library during the year 1872, alphabetically arranged.

Mrs. Harriet G. Ames,	4 volumes.
Hon. N. P. Banks,	9 "
Nathan Buck,	2 "
Hiram Bancroft,	6 "
Miss Abigail Burnap,	1 "
Mrs. T. D. Bond,	3 "
Rev. Mr. Buffum,	10 "
Miss Sabra Carter,	20 "
William C. Cannon,	4 "
William Clement, Reading,	20 "
Centre School Library,	42 "
C. L. Carter,	10 "
H. N. Eames,	4 "
L. C. Eames,	2 "
East District Library,	50 "
C. L. Flint, Esq.,	4 "
M. H. Fitzgerald,	10 "
Mrs. Mary Gillis,	1 "
Mrs. William E. Gowing, cash,	\$4.50
Miss Dolly Harnden,	10 volumes.
Charles Hopkins,	4 "
Willie J. Howard,	1 "
Misses S. J. and S. D. Jaquith,	5 "
Mrs. Thirza Jaquith,	1 "
Miss Thirza Jaquith,	1 "
Dea. C. Morrill,	8 "
Levi Manning,	1 "
S. B. Nichols,	3 "
John H. Nichols, Lowell,	6 pamphlets, 9 "
Levi Nichols, Lowell, cash,	\$5.00
Hon. H. K. Oliver,	1 volume.
Rev. B. A. Robie,	7 "
Henry Sheldon,	20 "

Mrs. Henry Sheldon,	2 volumes.
H. A. Sheldon,	1 “
Mrs. A. G. Sheldon,	8 “
Horace Sheldon,	2 “
Mrs. L. Swain,	1 “
C. W. Swain,	10 “
State of Massachusetts,	15 “
John A. Taylor, cash,	\$1.00
Dr. S. A. Toothaker,	10 volumes.
John Wild,	“
West District Library,	40 “
Wilmington Social Library,	60 “
Total number donated,	<hr/> 372

Number of Books purchased,	106
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The Library has been opened to the public during the last seven months, ending Feb. 1st, 1872.

Number of persons taking out books,	141
Whole number taken out,	401



## FINANCIAL REPORT.

1872.

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Paid for Record Book,	\$1 75
“ W. C. Cannon, printing,	3 25
“ C. W. Swain, books,	3 25
“ Gould & Lincoln, books,	9 00
“ D. C. Colesworthy, books,	48 80
“ Noyes, Holmes & Co., books,	56 69
“ J. R. Osgood & Co.,	3 75
“ for Lamp for Library room,	1 75
“ for History of Fire in Boston,	1 25
“ for Librarian's salary,	14 00
“ for extra labor,	2 00
“ for expenses of Book Committee,	4 50
“ for Express fees,	80
“ for Paper for book covers,	2 30
“ for Binding,	1 25
“ for sundries,	6 01
“ for Book cases,	45 00
Cash to Balance,	10 12
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	\$215 47

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1872.

By Cash received of Town Treasurer,	\$200 00
“ “ Dr. Toothaker, for books,	2 20
“ “ Levi Nichols, Lowell,	5 00
“ “ John A. Taylor,	1 00
“ “ Mrs. Wm. E. Gowing,	4 50
“ “ for fines,	2 77
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	\$215 47

C. W. SWAIN, *Treasurer and Librarian.*

## TOWN WARRANT.

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MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Samuel B. Nichols, Constable of the Town of Wilmington.*

### GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall, in said Wilmington, on Monday the third day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock A. M., then and there to act upon the following articles viz :

ART. FIRST.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. SECOND.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. THIRD.—To hear and act upon the annual report of Town Officers.

ART. FOURTH.—To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to defray annual expenses and pay Town debts.

ART. FIFTH.—To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schooling for the year ensuing.

ART. SIXTH.—To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Select School for the year ensuing.

ART. SEVENTH.—To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support and repairs of Highways and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. EIGHTH.—To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintainance of the Public Library the ensuing year.

ART. NINTH.—To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of Taxes for the year ensuing.

ART. TENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to build a new schoolhouse in the centre of the Town or repair the old one, if so, to raise money for that purpose.

ART. ELEVENTH.—To see if the Town will accept the doings of the Selectmen in widening the road opposite the house of James Skilton.

ART. TWELFTH.—To see if the Town will allow Lorenzo Butters any compensation over and above the award allowed by the Selectmen, for land taken for the South Schoolhouse or will move the said Schoolhouse half a mile from its present location for one hundred dollars.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands in said Wilmington, this  
fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

THOMAS P. EAMES,	}	<i>Selectmen of Wilmington.</i>
H. ALLEN SHELDON,		
SAML. B. NICHOLS,		

A true copy. Attest: SAML. B. NICHOLS, Constable.



RECEIPTS  
AND  
EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,  
FROM FEB. 1st, 1873, TO FEB. 1st, 1874,  
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1873-4,  
AND THE  
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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WOBURN:  
JOHN L. PARKER, PRINTER.  
1874.





## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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### SELECTMEN.

THOMAS P. EAMES, *Chairman*.  
H. ALLEN SHELDON,      H. BREWSTER NICHOLS.

### TOWN CLERK.

WM. H. CARTER.

### TOWN TREASURER.

CYRUS L. CARTER.

### ASSESSORS.

THOMAS P. EAMES,              H. ALLEN SHELDON,  
H. BREWSTER NICHOLS.

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

THOMAS P. EAMES,              H. ALLEN SHELDON,  
H. BREWSTER NICHOLS.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WARREN EAMES,	term expires	March 2,	1874.
LEMUEL C. EAMES,	“	“	“ 1875.
JONATHAN CARTER, 2ND,	“	“	“ 1876.

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CYRUS L. CARTER, *Chairman.*

LEMUEL C. EAMES,\*

M. H. FITZGERALD,\*

S. A. TOOTHAKER,

BENJAMIN A. ROBIE,

## TREASURER AND LIBRARIAN.

CHARLES W. SWAIN.

## AUDITORS OF ACCOUNTS.

LEMUEL C. EAMES,

WM. H. CARTER,

CHARLES W. SWAIN.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

WARREN EAMES.

## CONSTABLE.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

A. PORTER PEARSON,

NOAH CLAPP,

Z. T. WHITE,

CHARLES W. SWAIN,

STEPHEN O. BUTTERS.

## FENCE VIEWERS.

H. ALLEN SHELDON,

T. FORD GOWING,

D. P. BRIGHAM.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

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\* Term of office expires March, 1874.

## SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

NATHAN MEARS,	GEORGE TAYLOR,
FREDERICK WHITE,	WM. H. CARTER 2ND,
WARREN EAMES.	

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

SILAS BROWN,	NOAH CLAPP,
EDWARD A. CARTER,	HENRY SHELDON,
HENRY L. BANCROFT.	

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

JAS. H. BATCHELLER,	EDWARD A. CARTER,
HENRY L. BANCROFT,	SAML. B. NICHOLS.
HENRY SHELDON.	

## PUBLIC WEAIGHER OF MERCHANDISE.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## FIELD DRIVERS.

ELBRIDGE STOCKWELL,	CHARLES HOPKINS,
NOAH CLAPP,	GEORGE T. EAMES,
SHELDON SARGENT.	

## POUND KEEPER.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

*Expense of Town Officers:—*

Paid William H. Carter, services as Town	
Clerk,	\$15 00
C. L. Carter, services as Treasurer,	50 00
T. P. Eames, services as Selectman,	
Assessor & Overseer of the Poor,	100 00
H. Allen Sheldon, do.,	75 00
H. B. Nichols, do.,	10 00
Warren Eames, services as Collector,	100 00
Warren Eames, services as School	
Committee,	8 00
Lemuel C. Eames, do.,	20 00
Jonathan Carter, 2nd, do.,	8 00
S. B. Nichols, services as Constable,	20 00
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	\$406 00

*Repairs of Highways:—*

Paid Frederick White, surveyor, East	
District,	\$230 15
Wm. H. Carter, 2d, “ West	
District,	250 55
Nathan Mears, “ North	
District,	206 20
Geo. L. Taylor, “ South	
District,	238 65
Warren Eames, “ Center	
District,	186 45
	—————
	1,112 00



*Expense of Roads and Bridges:—*

Paid for widening Road opposite James Skilton's,	\$48 00	
for laying over culverts and railing bridges,	53 88	
	<hr/>	\$101 88

*Repairs of Center Schoolhouse:—*

Paid for repairs on house,	\$381 08	
“ furniture,	304 56	
	<hr/>	\$685 64

*Miscellaneous Expenses:—*

Paid J. L. Parker, printing Town Reports,	\$62 20	
W. W. Carter, ringing bell in '72,	10 00	
Out building at Town House,	59 00	
S. B. Nichols, care of Town House,	10 00	
do., wood and supplies for do.,	15 39	
do., books furnished school desks and indigent children,	8 38	
do., care of Cemetery,	10 00	
do., returning deaths to Town Clerk,	3 00	
North Reading for Boundary Stones,	7 00	
Express, postage and stationery,	16 12	
Wm. H. Carter, journey to Reading to qualify Representative,	2 00	
do., recording and making returns of births, marriages and deaths,	17 45	
Abatement on tax list 1872,	40 83	
“ “ “ 1873,	40 95	
	<hr/>	\$302 32

*State Aid:—*

Paid Mary A. Phelps,	\$48 00	
Stephen Frye,	18 00	
Willie R. Butters,	36 00	
Mary A. Chapman,	79 38	
Daniel R. Upton, Guardian,	8 00	
Widow Ambrose Upton,	48 00	
L. J. Blaisdell,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$285 38

*Expense of Schools:—*

Paid teacher of Select School,	\$432 00	
fuel and incidentals,	95 25	
Paid teacher of Center School,	216 00	
fuel and incidentals,	52 10	
Paid teacher of South School,	232 00	
fuel and incidentals,	18 00	
Paid teacher of North School,	208 00	
fuel and incidentals,	22 50	
Paid teacher of West School,	224 00	
fuel and incidentals,	30 33	
Paid teacher of East School,	216 00	
fuel and incidentals,	38 33	
	<hr/>	\$1,784 51

*School Book Account.—*

Paid J. L. Hammett, for school books,	57 83
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*Dog Licenses:—*

Amount received by the Town Clerk for dog licenses and paid over to County Treasurer,	\$81 60
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*Book Account:—*

S. B. Nichols, in account with School Books.

*Debit.*

1873.	To amount books on hand,	\$71 02	
April.	“ Books purchased,	36 48	
Sept.	“ “ “	25 52	
		<hr/>	\$133 02

*Credit.*

By books on hand,	74 32	
“ Sales books, nett,	52 53	
“ Commissions on sales,	5 87	
	<hr/>	133 02

*Town Appropriations for 1873:—*

For the support of the Poor,	\$1,000 00	
“ payment of Town Officers,	475 00	
“ repairs of Roads and Bridges,	300 00	
“ payment of State Aid,	450 00	
“ Miscellaneous expenses,	400 00	
“ Interest on Notes,	575 00	
“ payment of Town Debts,	1,000 00	
“ Common Schooling,	1,000 00	
“ Select Schooling,	530 00	
“ support and repairs of Highways,	1,250 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,980 00

*Summary of Expenses for the Current Year:—*

Expense of Poor,	\$1,639 74	-
Expense of Town Officers,	398 00	
Repairs of Highways,	1,112 00	
Roads and Bridges,	101 88	
Repairs of Centre Schoolhouse,	685 64	
Miscellaneous,	302 32	
State Aid,	285 38	
Schools,	1,784 51	
School Books,	57 83	
	<hr/>	\$6,367 30

THOMAS P. EAMES,	}	<i>Selectmen of Wilmington.</i>
H. ALLEN SHELDON,		
H. BREWSTER NICHOLS,		

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

*Names and Ages of the Inmates of the Almshouse:—*

Nancy Alexander,	85	years.	
Judith Alexander,	78	“	
Louisa Burt,	69	“	
Elbridge Butters,	68	“	
Abiel G. Carter,	62	“	died Feb. 18, 1873.
Albert Carter,	54	“	
H. Orn Bancroft,	41	“	
Fanny Butters,	33	“	
John Bancroft,	31	“	
Charlotte Butters,	2	“	
*William Alexander,	31	“	} admitted August 22, discharged Septr. 23.
Mary R. Butters,	19	“	
George A. Fortis,			admitted Dec. 1, 1873. born Jan. 19, 1874.
Whole number,			13
Average “			9½
Present “			11

566 lodgings and 1390 meals have been furnished to transient paupers.

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\* Military Settlement.

*Expense at the Almshouse;—*

To cash paid for flour,	\$126 05
“ “ grain,	263 57
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Amount carried forward,	\$389 62



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$389 62
“ “ groceries,	376 55
“ “ neat stock,	320 50
“ “ two lambs,	8 00
“ “ swine,	93 83
“ “ fresh meat,	183 47
“ “ hay and grass,	63 58
“ “ salt pork,	21 44
“ “ fish,	29 89
“ “ dry goods,	49 35
“ “ baker's bread,	25 04
“ “ shoes,	10 92
“ “ snuff and tobacco,	18 82
“ “ repairs on house,	28 70
“ “ household furniture,	46 10
“ “ labor on farm,	45 00
“ “ spirituous liquor,	1 15
“ “ horse,	100 00
“ “ harness,	40 00*
“ “ farm wagon,	70 00
“ “ sled,	20 00
“ “ farming tools,	11 51
“ “ blacksmith's bill,	12 65
“ “ horse hire,	17 75
“ “ house offal,	10 50
“ “ soap,	7 20
“ “ medicine,	12 92
“ “ tinware,	7 80
“ “ poultry building,	8 00
“ “ sundries,	19 14
“ “ Dr. Hutchings' bill,	13 00
“ “ Dr. Drew's bill,	17 00
“ “ vegetables,	2 80
Superintendent's salary to Feb. 1,	250 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$2,338 23

*Amount brought forward,*

\$2,338 23

*Credits.*

Received for neat stock,	493 75	
“ two lambs,	15 65	
“ swine,	99 00	
“ eggs and milk,	26 82	
“ board,	17 13	
“ potatoes,	4 75	
“ keeping peddlers,	23 25	
“ lumber,	12 22	
“ labor of Superintendent,	202 50	
Received of E. W. Studley amount paid		
C. M. Gowing 8 days over his time,	16 00	
Of F. Banrcoft, for H. Orn Bancroft,	90 00	
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Total expense at Almshouse,		<hr/>
Including \$353 increase of personal property,		\$1,337 16

*Outside Poor:—*

Cash paid for wood furnished Peter Val-		
entine,	\$17 50	
“ City of Lawrence, aid to Phi-		
lander M. King,	52 00	
“ Taunton Lun. Hospital, board		
of H. B. Stickney,	141 00	
“ Town of Woburn, fuel & medi-		
cal attendance to Mrs. Olive		
Tweed,	92 08	
	<hr/>	302 58
Total expense of Poor,		<hr/>
		\$1,639 74

THOMAS P. EAMES,	} <i>Overseers</i>
H. ALLEN SHELDON,	
H. B. NICHOLS,	
	<i>of the</i>
	<i>Poor.</i>

# STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

*Births Registered in Wilmington 1873.*

No.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	DATE OF BIRTH.
1	Emma Alice Murray,	James W. & Alice J. Murray,	January 4, 1873.
2	Charles Edward Taylor,	Charles A. & Ella J. Taylor,	January 4, 1873.
3	William Gage Sheldon,	H. Allen & Catharine B. Sheldon,	January 25, 1873.
4	Herbert Allen Harnden,	Everell & Julia A. Harnden,	February 13, 1873.
5	Ada Walker McDonald,	John J. & Esther E. McDonald,	February 17, 1873.
6	Lewis Gilbert Buck,	Silas & Harriet Buck,	March 5, 1873.
7	Henry Wilson Sargent,	John S. & Angelina Sargent,	March 9, 1873.
8	Harry Edward Eames,	Horace E. & Annie M. Eames,	March 27, 1873.
9	Frederick Ellsworth Swain,	James H. & Catharine T. Swain,	April 23, 1873.
10	Charles Edward Mellen,	Charles & Anna Mellen,	April 24, 1873.
11	Clara Ellen Frost,	William A. & Phebe E. Frost,	April 30, 1873.
12	William Henry Martin,	Timothy & Sarah Martin,	May 9, 1873.
13	Elmer Ellsworth Batcheller,	James H. & Mary E. Batcheller,	May 23, 1873.
14	Thomas F. Gallagher,	Barney & Margaret Gallagher,	June 1, 1873.
15	Mary S. Blanchard,	Samuel O. & Mary S. Blanchard,	June 11, 1873.
16	Alonzo Rich Upton,	Daniel R. & Clara G. Upton,	July 14, 1873.
17	Etta J. Carter,	Walter D. & Mary E. Carter,	July 31, 1873.
18	Ada Catharine Mears,	Nathan & Catharine Mears,	August 5, 1873.

*Births Registered in Wilmington 1873.—Continued.*

NO.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	DATE OF BIRTH.
19	Mary J. Miller,	James & Mary J. Miller,	Sept'ber 16, 1873.
20	Abbie Janet Carter,	James O. & Lizzie Carter,	October 4, 1873.
21	Henrietta Ames Swain,	Charles W. & Harriet A. Swain,	October 6, 1873.
22	Evelyn Roxan Eames,	Warren & Elizabeth A. Eames,	November 22, 1873.
23	Edward Robie,	Benjamin A. & Lucy H. Robie,	November 30, 1873.
24	Lillian Frances Eames,	George T. & Lucy Eames,	December 27, 1873.

*Marriages Registered in Wilmington 1873.*

DATE OF MARRIAGE.	NAMES OF GROOM & BRIDE.	AGE	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1 Jan.	1 Henry L. Bancroft, Eliza Ann Dow,	39 26	Wilmington,	Gentle- man,	Wilmington,	Tim'y & Abigail Bancroft.
2 Jan.	8 John Edward Muse, Maggie Muse,	28 20	Wilmington,	Laborer,	Atkinson, N. H., Nova Scotia,	Jesse & Betsey F. Dow. Jno. P. & Elizabeth Muse.
3 May	17 Walter D. Carter, Mary E. Boyce,	19 20	Wilmington,	Farmer,	Nova Scotia, Burlington,	Joseph & Maggy Muse. William & Susan Carter.
4 July	2 David Boyce, Hannah L. Clark,	46 23	Wilmington,	Cord- wainer,	Wilmington, Highgate, Vt.,	David Boyce, David & Betsey Boyce.
5 Aug	13 Newton George, Elizabeth A. Hall,	61 60	Wilmington,	Farmer,	Boston, Mass., Woodstock, Vt.,	Nath'l & Mary A. Clark. John George.
6 Oct.	18 Michael Cragen, Mary M. Calahan,	30 28	Boston, Mass., Wilmington,	Currier,	Boston, Mass., Ireland,	Sam'l & R. Hemmenway. Patrick & Mary Cragen.
7 Nov.	27 John Calahan, Catherine Higgins,	26 25	Wilmington, Andover, Mass.,	Baker,	St. John, N. B., Boston, Mass.,	Daniel & Mary Calahan. Daniel & Mary Calahan.
8 Dec.	24 Leonard T. Eames, Emily M. Trull,	19 18	Wilmington, Reading, Mass.,	Clerk,	Andover, Mass., Wilmington,	Wm. & Rosanna Higgins. Horatio M. & E. M. Eames.
9	James Doyle, Catherine Brady,	30 19	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Farmer,	Andover, Mass., Ireland, Ireland,	John & Mary B. Trull. Michael & Anna Doyle.



*Deaths Registered in Wilmington 1873.*

NO.	DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.	CON- DITION.	PLACE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	Feb. 18	Abiel G. Carter,	Y. 61 M. 4 D.	single	Wilmington	Abiel & Phebe M. Carter,	dr'psy & ap'l'xy.
2	" 19	Myra Eames,	2 6 8	single	Wilmington	Horatio N. & E. M. Eames,	dr'psy on brain.
3	May 7	Ella J. Taylor,	17 8 7	mar'd	Wilmington	Wm. S. & M. A. Chapman,	anemia,
4	June 13	Mary S. Blanchard,	1 1	single	Wilmington	Sam'l O. & M. S. Blanchard,	chol. infantum.
5	" 29	Charles E. Taylor,	5 25 8	single	Wilmington	Chas. A. & Ella J. Taylor,	general debility.
6	Aug. 8	Etta J. Carter,	40 8	single	Wilmington	Walter D. & M. E. Carter,	not known.
7	" 13	Barney Gallagher,	7 40	mar'd	Wilmington	Eugene & M. Gallagher,	accident.
8	" 22	Carrie Nichols,	7 1	single	Wilmington	John H. & H. E. Nichols,	brain disease.
9	" 30	Alonzo R. Upton,	1 10	single	Wilmington	Dan'l R. & Clara G. Upton,	chol. infantum.
10	Sept. 2	Henry H. Brigham,	32 11	single	Wilmington	D. P. & Hannah Brigham,	consumption.
11	" 4	Abigail Burnap,	61 11 13	single	Wilmington	Joseph & Abigail Burnap,	disease of liver.
12	Oct. 18	Albert C. Ware,	22 6	mar'd	Wilmington	D. L. & Mary B. Ware,	consumption.
13	Nov 20	Esther E. McDonald,	28 3	mar'd	Wilmington	John S. & Martha A. Perry,	consumption.

## A CONDENSED ABSTRACT FROM THE BOOKS OF THE

Dr.

## CASH.

	Balance of Cash in Treasury on former settlement,	\$1,124 97
	Received from W. Eames, Collector, on ac't tax sales,	65 00
M'ch, 1873.	" " " " " " taxes 1872,	50 00
	" " " " " " " " "	88 00
	" " County Treasurer, on account dog tax,	71 39
June.	" for Town's Notes issued,	3,100 00
Sept.	from Warren Eames, Collector ac't taxes, 1873,	85 35
Oct.	" " " " " " " 1872,	40 00
	" " " " " " " 1873,	1,625 39
	" " " " " " " "	1,028 28
	" " " " " " " "	530 00
Nov.	" " " " " " " "	360 00
Dec.	" " State and Corporation tax,	113 12
	" " " account State Aid,	404 07
	" " " " " " "	32 67
	" " " National Bank tax,	89 24
	" " W. Eames, Collector, ac't tax 1873,	550 00
	" " " " " " " "	934 89
Jan. 1874.	" " " " " " " "	836 73
	" " State, account School Fund,	130 00
	" " H. Bancroft, board of H. O. Bancroft,	90 00
	" " W. Eames, Collector, ac't tax, 1872,	353 71
	" " " " " " " 1873,	359 36
	" " " " " " " 1872,	41 20
	" " " " " " " 1873,	532 18
	" " " " " " " 1872,	40 83
	" " " " " " " 1873,	40 95
	" " S. B. Nichols, account books sold,	52 83
	" " W. Eames, Collector, ac't taxes, 1873,	167 00
	" for sales Cemetery Lots,	38 00
	" " Interest on deposits in N. E. Trust Co.,	20 40
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		\$12,995 56
1874.		
February.	To balance in Treasury brought forward,	\$1,250 56

## TREASURER OF THE TOWN.—C. L. CARTER, TREASURER.

1863.	CONTRA.	Cr.
By amount of Town orders paid,		\$4,754 43
“ Cash paid on Interest account,		582 54
“ “ Town Notes,		3,200 00
“ “ State Tax,		877 50
“ “ County Tax,		499 91
“ “ Library,		100 00
“ “ for account Schools,		1,730 62
“ Balance in Treasury, carried forward,		1,250 56

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\$12,995 56

The undersigned, a Committee chosen on the part of the Town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly cast and properly vouched for, and they find remaining in the treasury one thousand two hundred and fifty  $\frac{56}{100}$  dollars.

LEMUEL C. EAMES, }  
 WM. H. CARTER, } *Committee.*  
 CHAS. W. SWAIN, }

Wilmington, February 1874.

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to J. L. Carter, May 1, 1868,	\$1,500 00
“ Darius Buck, Oct. 1, 1872,	1,100 00
“ Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1866,	2,000 00
“ “ “ Dec. 23, 1870,	1,000 00
“ Otis C. Buck, April 20, 1869,	500 00
“ “ “ August 20, 1870,	500 00
“ L. C. Eames, April 1, 1871,	1,000 00
“ H. M. Eames, Trustee, May 4, 1871,	75 00
“ James Jaques, April 26, 1873,	400 00

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\$8,075 00

Due Centre School,	\$21 67
“ South “	21 67
“ North “	21 67
“ West “	21 67
“ East “	21 67
“ High “	151 00
“ Cemetery,	60 33
Outstanding Town Orders,	33 41

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353 09

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\$8,428 09

*Assets:*

Cash on hand in Treasury,	\$1,199 46
Amount due on Taxes, 1872,	77 81
“ “ “ 1873,	1,694 66

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\$2,971 93

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Nett indebtedness of the Town, \$5,456 16

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Our Public Library now enters upon the third year of its existence. It can no longer be regarded as an experiment, but one of the permanent institutions of the Town of Wilmington. In making this, their annual report, therefore, the Trustees would respectfully solicit from the citizens of the town their continued aid in its support. It has been, and it is hoped it ever will be, the design of the trustees to make this library, what every public library should be, a prominent educational institution in the community. But to this end two things are indispensable: First, that the Library itself, in the selection and character of its books shall be *adapted* to this end; and secondly, that it have not only the material aid, but the *patronage* of the people. The public press through its various channels, is not only a great public educator, but also to a great extent a corrupter of public morals. The amount of mental and moral poison which it issues in the shape of books, periodicals, pamphlets, newspapers, etc., is simply deplorable. Every parent who has the well-being of his child at heart; every institution confessedly established in the intellectual and moral interests of the community, should seek to counteract the influence of such productions by the substitution of a literature of a pure tone, and whose spirit and influence shall be beyond question. Such, in an eminent degree should be the aim and purpose in the establishment of every public library. We need not say it has been the aim and purpose of the Trustees of this library. Their design has been to make this institution *all* in the social and moral improvement of this community; that its books shall be unexceptionable in their character, and fitted not only for entertainment, but for instruction and profit, that all who read them may be both mentally and morally benefitted. The trustees, therefore,



solicit with confidence the sympathy and co-operation of the people. Assured of receiving, as heretofore, its pecuniary support, what they now especially invite is its patronage. This the library has had to a good degree, but a patronage confined almost exclusively to the young. It is desirable that the library in its influence shall reach an older class, that it shall, by the co-operation and interest of the adult portion of the community, enjoy that character which, without such co-operation and interest, it cannot possess.

Therefore, we appeal to you, parents, teachers and citizens. We solicit your influence in its behalf. Let us make our library a worthy object of pride to the town. Let us aim to increase its value and extend its influence every year, and let us see to it that it becomes in the highest degree a medium, not only of our mental but of our moral and religious improvement.

### LIST OF DONATIONS.

The following is a list of donations to the Library during the year, in order of date :—

From	Loton Parker, Reading,	1 volume.
“	Mass. So. F. P. C. T. A.,	2 “
“	M. H. Fitzgerald,	1 “
“	Miss Clara E. Bancroft,	“
“	Mrs. R. N. Blanchard,	1 “
“	Mrs. A. B. Nichols, Stoneham,	51 “
“	Miss Rebecca Eames,	3 “
“	William W. Pickering,	2 “
“	Mrs. S. H. Gowing,	1 “
“	Miss Charlotte Allen,	1 “
“	Miss A. Buarnp,	2 “
“	Silas Brown,	1 “
“	Mrs. Noah Clapp,	4 “
“	Miss Sarah J. Jaquith,	2 “
“	James Gowing,	4 “

From Town of Woburn,	1 volume.
“ John N. Eames,	2 “
“ State of Massachusetts,	10 “
“ Mrs. Joshua Gowing,	2 “
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Total number of donations,	92 “
Number of books purchased,	70
Number of books and catalogues for circulation,	600
Number of persons taking out books,	197
Whole number taken out during the year,,	1,149

Respectfully submitted.

CYRUS L. CARTER,	} Trustees.
B. A. ROBIE,	
L. C. EAMES,	
C. W. SWAIN,	
M. H. FITZGERALD,	
S. A. TOOTHAKER,	}

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

1873.

DR.

To cash paid J.N. Eames for book shelves,	\$29 00	
“ “ for books,	39 36	
“ “ binding books,	4 50	
“ “ paper for covers,	1 00	
“ “ printing Library cards,	2 00	
“ “ Librarian's salary,	24 00	
“ “ for extra labor,	6 00	
“ “ Express fees,	0 85	
“ “ Stationery,	0 25	
Cash to balance,	3,26	
	<hr/>	\$110 22

1873.

CR.

By cash at former settlement,	\$ 10 22	
“ received of Town Treasurer,	100 00	
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C. W. SWAIN, *Treasurer and Librarian.*

Examined and found correct.

L. C. EAMES, *Auditor.*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1873-4.

*Citizens of Wilmington.*

In obedience to the law of the Commonwealth, requiring the School Committee to make an Annual Report of the progress and condition of the Public Schools under their charge, we submit the following :

The appointment of teachers was at the first a subject claiming careful consideration by the Committee, as it always has been and must continue to be identified with the success or failure of any particular school. Yet we are not insensible to the fact, that influences outside of the school room are sometimes allowed to hinder or retard the influence of the best of teachers in their work for the good of the scholar.

And now the school year being closed, your Committee feel most confident that they were fortunate in the employment of teachers. There have been no changes in any of the schools, excepting the west, but the same teachers as last year were retained through this entire school year. And this course we think has been attended with marked beneficial results to the *cause* for which schools are established and maintained. The teacher who has the advantage of a previous acquaintance of the circumstances and peculiarities of each scholar, can more readily bring the results of past experience to bear at once, in an easy and proper manner, to correct and avoid whatever is wrong in tendency, and therefore hindering the timid and bewildered scholar from entering upon the exercise and work of real, profitable and advancing study. And just here, is seen the true merit and worth of the teacher, whose skill and general adaptation to

the work, can secure the interest and attention of the child to school exercises, and thus gaining for him the ready ability to apply the natural faculties of his mind to a given point, and that in the direction of true healthful mental progress. When this is gained, a very valuable and important point is secured, the ability to study, to learn, to investigate.

And when followed up closely term after term by the same judicious and faithful teacher, who justly shares in the triumphs of honorable success, with the consciousness of having advanced his pupils in the line of manly, honorable and scholarly attainments.

But, whenever and wherever this success, in some good degree, is not attained, it is apparent at a single glance, that the school fails,—and fails more disastrously than we are accustomed to imagine. The effect upon the child who attends the school opened for its benefit, and yet is not favorably interested in its exercises and appointments, will not long remain indifferent; but soon will feel a positive aversion to just what is required of him for his own improvement and best good. And in all his course thus, improvement is not his aim, but following out his inclinations and feelings, prefers present indolent ease, rather than submit to a course of mental application and study.

And here, to do, or not to do, is the question for parents and teachers, for the friends of education and good order to consider, as you regard the present good, and future welfare of the child. Is it not, indeed, very apparent that the child who through and by his early methods of thought and feeling, by his desire to evade doing what should be done to acquire useful knowledge and mental strength, habits are here being formed which, if not early corrected, will be likely, yea, surely, to follow on, and on, and finally to cripple the energies of manhood to all noble and good enterprises, and prove a disturbing element to society.

We by no means wish to imply but what there is a large majority of all the scholars in our schools who are honest,



studious, and even enthusiastic, and we have noticed with peculiar satisfaction, the decorous manner and evident diligence with which many of the scholars have applied themselves, and it meets our warmest approbation. It is a high compliment to teachers, to the parents of such scholars, and affords evidence of the estimate in which school privileges are held. We wish to see this number greatly increased. It is every way desirable that it should be ; so that the educating force and power of our schools may be as widely extended as possible.

And for this purpose, we say avoid unnecessary changes in teachers ; those who have shown capacity to teach,—to manage,—directing all the affairs of the school with discretion, should be retained.

And then, the obligation is binding upon the parents to cheerfully sustain the teacher, by a hearty sympathy and co-operation in all the general and difficult work of helping on in every thing that pertains to the improvement and success of the school. There should not be that wide latitude that too frequently exists between the authority of the parent, the home influence, and the school. For the real interests are identical, and should be so regarded, and if this is admitted, then the necessity follows that parents must insist that their children regularly and promptly attend school. Let this always be accompanied with suitable encouragement to the child, and proper motives applied, and the result will prove highly beneficial to the child, the family, and the community.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Name of School.	Name of Teacher.	Terms.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Length of Term.	Wages per month.
High, and Gram'r East,	Miss A. B. Chandler,	Summer	21	19	3 mos.	\$48 00
	" " " "	Fall	35	30	3 "	48 00
	" " " "	Winter	33	29	3 "	48 00
	" Rebecca Eames,	Summer	40	36	2½ "	32 00
	" " " "	Winter	35	29½	4 "	32 00
North,	" Clara E. Bancroft,	Summer	25	20½	2½ "	32 00
	" " " "	Winter	26	20½	3½ "	32 00
Centre,	" M. Emma Eames,	Summer	34	30½	3 "	32 00
	" " " "	Winter	26	20	3½ "	32 00
South,	" Mary E. Buck,	Summer	35	30	3 "	32 00
	" " " "	Winter	34	22½	4 "	32 00
West,	" M. Phenie Eastman,	Winter	13	9 3-10	4 "	32 00
"	" Minnie A. Wilcox,	Summer	17	12½	3 "	32 00

The moral sentiment and tone which our schools impart to the youth of the town, we are free to say, must ever be regarded as an element not to be overlooked or lightly esteemed, in all the period and course of education. It is absolutely needed. And we are therefore glad to be able to state that there is much in the impartation of instruction through our schools, that point to the side of virtue and sound morality. It is greatly to be desired that this much should be increased, and be attended with such influences as will firmly establish in the mind just principles of right, and shield all our children from the low courses of vice and crime.

#### SCHOOL HOUSES.

The improved condition of School Houses, as compared with what previously existed, is now a noticeable and cheering fact.

The Centre School House having been during the last season subjected to a general course of repairs, and supplied with new and improved seats and furniture throughout, which makes the school-room present a cheerful and inviting appearance, and was enjoyed by teacher and scholars in a profitable and happy manner; in short, we are confident that the improvement of the school-room contributed directly to the success and improvement of the school.

And now we wish to tender our thanks and acknowledgments to the scholars of this school, and others, where pleasant school-rooms are enjoyed and have been furnished with new and convenient furniture, for your considerate carefulness in its complete preservation. Carefulness is a virtue. Continue to exercise and practice it in all things, and you will not be wanting in the confidence and esteem of your fellows.

The East School House is now in that condition when some important repairs are absolutely needed, not only for the preservation of the building, but also for the comfort and health of the scholars. And as this matter will come up at the next annual meeting of the town, we trust, therefore, and expect, that the town will exercise its judgment with fairness, and meet the case in a worthy and creditable manner.

The High School was first opened September 1871, and has been continued in the hands of the same able and energetic teacher, with evident increasing interest and efficiency. The salutary and elevating influence of this school is being felt in all parts of the town. This is attested by the activity and general interest of the scholars who are connected with it, and by diffusing a healthful stimulus through all the other schools of the town; and also by improving the tone of public sentiment respecting the general subject of education as connected with schools. And now we feel, we think, that this school is doing a *work* most nobly and thoroughly for these scholars, which, were it not for this school, would have been largely left undone, to the serious detriment of these youth, and entailing thereby sad loss to the community. And now let this newly aroused activity in the pursuit of knowledge and culture be continued, with right motives of heart and mind, unabated by these scholars through the entire period of their youth, so that we all may be cheered by anticipating what their manhood may become in its relations with the world of mankind.

In closing we would recommend that the town make such appropriations of money as will sustain the schools and carry

forward the cause of education, knowing that it is the cause of the town, and by it the town is directly affected in its prosperity or failure. It is important to duly consider this whole matter in all its vital relations to society, and so act under a keen sense of individual obligation and duty, as that the result of our action shall not be a reproach to us in the future.

It is thought necessary now, that a more systematic course of study should be adopted in this school than was found practical in its earlier stages, and therefore the School Committee, after consultation, have decided to adopt substantially the following as a three years course of study.

#### FIRST YEAR.

*First Term.*—Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Writing, Reading, and Spelling.

*Second Term.*—Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Writing, Reading, and Spelling.

*Third Term.*—Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Writing, Reading, and Spelling.

#### SECOND YEAR.

*First Term.*—Arithmetic, United States History, Physical Geography, Drawing, Reading, and Spelling.

*Second Term.*—Arithmetic, United States History, Physical Geography, Drawing, Reading, and Spelling.

*Third Term.*—Algebra, English History, Botany, Drawing, Reading, and Spelling.

#### THIRD YEAR.

*First Term.*—Algebra, Astronomy, Physiology.

*Second Term.*—Algebra, English Literature, Natural Philosophy.

*Third Term.*—Arithmetic, English Literature, Natural Philosophy.

Respectfully submitted.

L. C. EAMES,	} <i>School</i>
WARREN EAMES,	
JONATHAN CARTER 2D,	

*Committee.*

WILMINGTON, February 19, 1874.



## TOWN WARRANT.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Samuel B. Nichols, Constable of the Town of Wilmington.*

GEEETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall, in said Wilmington, on Monday the second day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at eleven A. M., then and there to act upon the following articles, viz :—

ART. FIRST.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. SECOND.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. THIRD.—To hear and act upon the annual report of Town Officers,

ART. FOURTH.—To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to defray annual expenses and pay Town debts.

ART. FIFTH.—To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schooling for the year ensuing.

ART SIXTH.—To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Select School for the year ensuing.

ART. SEVENTH.—To see how much money the Town will



raise and appropriate for the support and repairs of Highways and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. EIGHTH.—To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the ensuing year.

ART. NINTH.—To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of Taxes for the year ensuing.

ART. TENTH.—To see what sum or sums of money the Town will appropriate for the purpose of ventilating the Center Schoolhouse, also to make such other repairs and alterations in said house and on the premises as may be deemed necessary.

ART. ELEVENTH.—To see what repairs the Town will authorize to be made on the East Scholohouse.

ART. TWELFTH.—To see what the Town will do in regard to building a new barn on the Town Farm.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands in said Wilmington, this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

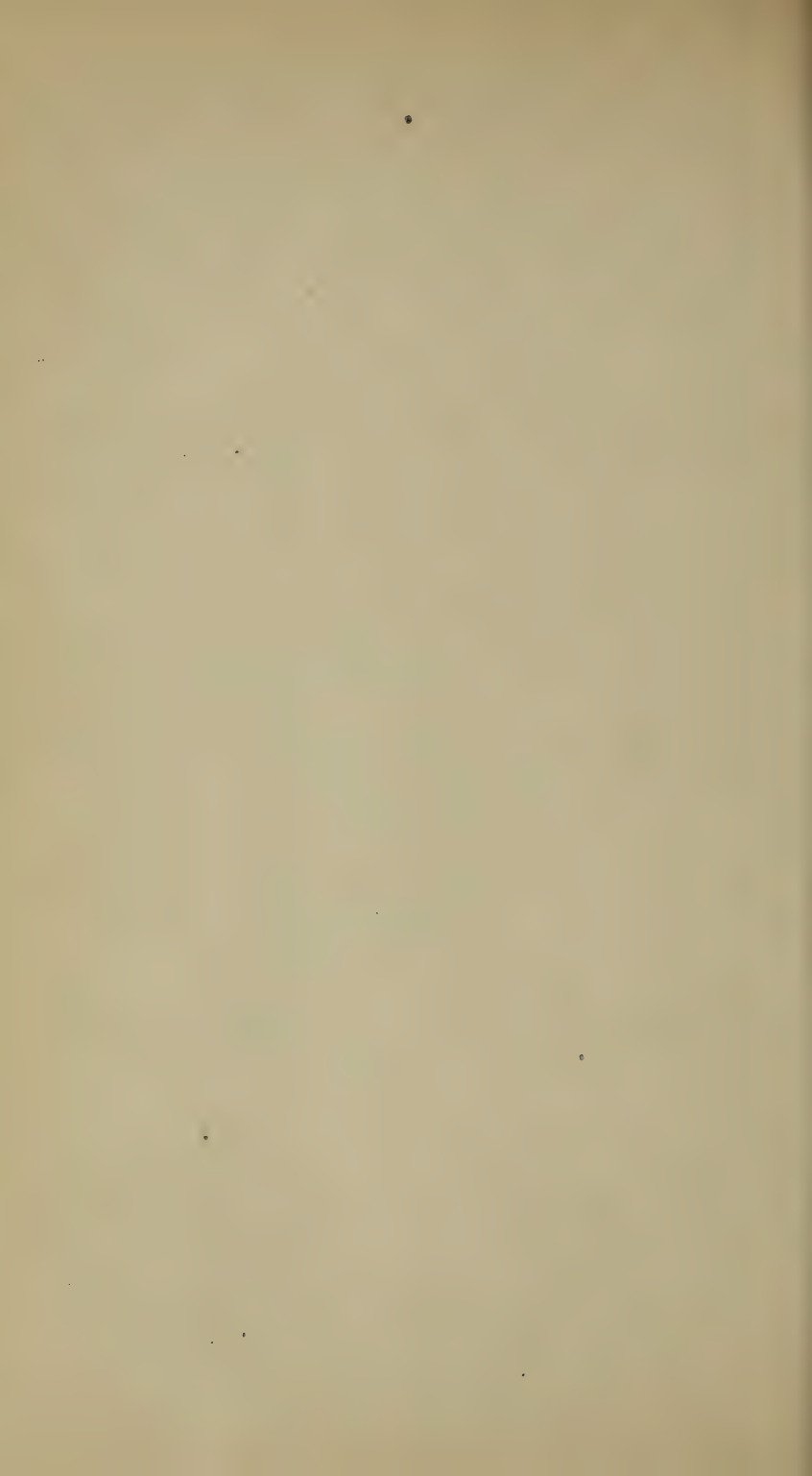
THOMAS P. EAMES,	}	<i>Selectmen of Wilmington.</i>
H. ALLEN SHELDON,		
H. BREWSTER NICHOLS,		

A true copy. Attest: SAML. B. NICHOLS, Constable.

RECEIPTS  
AND  
EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,  
FROM FEB. 1st, 1874, to FEB. 1st, 1875,  
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1874-5  
AND THE  
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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WOBURN:  
JOHN L. PARKER, PRINTER.  
1875.



## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1874.

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### SELECTMEN.

THOMAS P. EAMES, *Chairman*.

H. ALLEN SHELDON,      H. BREWSTER NICHOLS.

### TOWN CLERK.

WM. H. CARTER.

### TOWN TREASURER.

CYRUS L. CARTER.

### ASSESSORS.

THOMAS P. EAMES,              H. ALLEN SHELDON,  
H. BREWSTER NICHOLS.

### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

THOMAS P. EAMES,              H. ALLEN SHELDON,  
H. BREWSTER NICHOLS.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	term expires March 2, 1875.
JONATHAN CARTER,	“      “      “      1876.
WARREN EAMES,	“      “      “      1877.

### TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.\*

CYRUS L. CARTER,*	CHARLES W. SWAIN,*
LEMUEL C. EAMES,	BENJAMIN A. ROBIE,
CHESTER CLARKE,	JAMES A. SHEPHERD.

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\*Term of office expires March, 1875.

TREASURER AND LIBRARIAN.  
CHARLES W. SWAIN.

AUDITORS OF ACCOUNTS.

LEMUEL C. EAMES, *Chairman*.  
HENRY SHELDON, WM. H. CARTER.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.  
SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

CONSTABLE.  
SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.  
A. PORTER PEARSON, Z. T. WHITE,  
HENRY SHELDON.

FENCE VIEWERS.  
H. ALLEN SHELDON, T. FORD GOWING,  
D. P. BRIGHAM.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.  
SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.  
THOMAS P. EAMES, *Chairman*.  
H. ALLEN SHELDON, H. BREWSTER NICHOLS.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.  
HENRY SHELDON, EDWARD A. CARTER,  
SILAS BROWN, SAMUEL B. NICHOLS,  
HENRY L. BANCROFT.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.  
HENRY L. BANCROFT, HORATIO N. EAMES,  
EDWARD A. CARTER, SAMUEL B. NICHOLS,  
HENRY SHELDON.



## PUBLIC WEIGHER OF MERCHANDISE.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## FIELD DRIVERS.

NATHAN MEARS,	GEORGE T. EAMES,
EDWARD A. CARTER,	HIRAM BANCROFT,
D. P. BRIGHAM.	

## POUND KEEPER.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## LIST OF JURORS AS REVISED.

WILLIAM G. TOWNSEND,	THOMAS P. EAMES,
HENRY SHELDON,	NATHAN E. BUCK,
HORACE SHELDON,	OTIS C. BUCK,
H. ALLEN SHELDON,	EVERELL HARNDEN,
WM. H. CARTER, 2ND,	WARREN EAMES,
MARCUS GOWING,	EDW'D P. PREBBLE,
Z. T. WHITE,	HORATIO N. EAMES,

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

E. W. STUDLEY.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

*Expense of Town Officers:—*

Paid William H. Carter, services as Town Clerk,	\$15 00	
C. L. Carter, services as Treasurer,	50 00	
T. P. Eames, services as Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of the poor,	100 00	
H. Allen Sheldon, do.,	65 00	
H. B. Nichols, do.,	40 00	
S. B. Nichols, services as Collector,	100 00	
“ “ “ Constable,	20 00	
L. C. Eames, services as School Committee,	20 00	
Jonathan Carter, do.,	12 00	
Warren Eames, do.,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$430 00

*Repairs of Highways:—*

Paid the amount expended to Feb. 1, 1875,	\$1,306 63
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*Roads and Bridges:—*

Paid for culverts, widening roads and railing bridges,	153 06
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*Repairs of East Schoolhouse:—*

Paid for repairs on House,	\$500 14	
for school furniture	279 30	
	<hr/>	\$779 44

*State Aid:*

Paid L. J. Blaisdell,	\$ 48 00	
Widow Ambrose Upton,	48 00	
Mary A. Chapman,	48 00	
Willie R. Butters,	36 00	
Mary A. Phelps,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$228 00

*School Book Account:—*

Paid Thompson. Brown & Co.,	48 50	
J. L. Hammett,	24 69	
	<hr/>	\$73 19

*Expenses of Schools:—*

Paid teacher of Center School,	\$208 00	
fuel and incidentals,	34 50	
Paid teacher of East School,	208 00	
fuel and incidentals,	33 90	
Paid teacher of West School,	208 00	
fuel and incidentals,	22 84	
Paid Teachers of North School,	208 00	
fuel and incidentals,	21 10	
Paid teachers of South Schools,	208 00	
fuel and incidentals,	34 09	
Paid teachers of Select School,	439 00	
fuel and incidentals,	107 37	
	<hr/>	\$1,732 80

*Miscellaneous Expenses:—*

Paid J. L. Parker, printing Town Reports,	\$63 50	
Auditing Committee for 1874,	9 00	
C. L. Carter, Town Order Book,	10 00	
Lorenzo Butters, for School House		
lot, bill of 1870,	28 00	
for repairs on hay scales,	41 55	
Fred M. Carter, ringing bell	5 00	
S. B. Nichols, care of and cleaning		
Town House,	13 00	
S. B. Nichols, book furnished teach-		
er, desks and indigent children,	4 10	
S. B. Nichols, care of cemetery and		
writing deeds,	10 00	
S. B. Nichols, returning deaths,	3 50	
“ “ sundries for Town House,	2 10	
Wm. H. Carter, journey to Reading		
to qualify Representative,	2 00	
Return of births, deaths and mar-		
riages,	10 50	
B. Peabody, pump for North School		
House,	\$14 00	
Abatement on tax list of 1874,	25 50	
Auditing Committee, 1875,	4 00	
Express, postage and stationery,	14 05	
T. P. Eames, car fares to Taunton,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$262 30

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WILMINGTON, MAY 9, 1874.

*Gentlemen Assessors of the town of Wilmington.*

The town at their last annual March meeting made the following appropriations, viz :

For the support of poor,	\$1,200 00	
“ payment of Town Officers,	475 00	
“ repairs of roads and bridges,	300 00	
“ payment of State aid,,	300 00	
“ miscellaneous expenses,	350 00	
“ interest on Town notes,	575 00	
“ common schooling,	1,000 00	
“ select schooling,	550 00	
“ support and repair of highways,	1,500 00	
“ support of Public Library,	100 00	
“ repairs on East School House,	600 00	
(attest,)		————— \$6,950 00

WM. H. CARTER,

*Town Clerk,*

*Summary of Expenses for the Current year:—*

Expense of Poor,	\$2,661 36	
Expense of Town Officers,	480 00	
Repairs of Highways,	1,306 63	
Roads and Bridges,	153 06	
Repairs of East School House,	779 44	
Miscellaneous,	262 30	
State Aid,	228 00	
Schools,	1,732 80	
School Books,	73 19	
	—————	\$7,627 38

THOMAS P. EAMES,	} Selectmen, of Wilmington.
H. ALLEN SHELDON,	
H. B. NICHOLS,	



# REPORTS OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## *Names and Ages of the Inmates of the Almshouse:—*

Register Number.		
No. 2,	Nancy Alexander,	86 years.
" 21	Judith Alexander,	78 " died Jan. 22d, 1875.
" 5	Louisa Burt,	70 "
" 12	Elbridge Butters,	69 "
" 8	Albert Carter,	55 "
" 19	H. Orn Bancroft,	42 "
" 7	Fanny Butters,	34 "
" 10	John Bancroft,	32 "
" 22	Charlotte Butters	3 "
" 26	Mary R. Butters,	20 " ceased to be sup- ported Dec. 25, 1874.
" 27	George A. Fortis,	1 " ceased to be sup- ported Dec. 25, 1874.
" 28	Zebediah Tweed,	59 " admitted June 9, '74 died June 21, 1874,
Whole number,		12
Present,		8
Average,		10 4-5
Aggregate number of weeks support of inmates,		561
1,263 lodgings and 3,150 meals have been furnished to transient paupers.		

## *Expense at the Almshouse:—*

To cash paid for grain,	\$277 52
" " groceries,	569 61
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Amount carried forward,	\$847 13

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$847 13
To cash paid for flour,	186 62
“ “ dry goods	53 49
“ “ fish,	58 65
“ “ snuff and tobacco,	26 88
“ “ medicines,	11 90
“ “ soap,	23 64
“ “ hardware,	16 47
“ “ farming tools,	20 20
“ “ boots and shoes,	24 10
“ “ standing grass,	91 00
“ “ seeds,	10 47
“ “ sundries,	19 38
“ “ household furniture,	24 77
“ “ bakers bread,	53 58
“ “ neat stock,	389 70
“ “ swine,	280 22
“ “ fresh meat,	244 36
“ “ coal,	6 25
“ “ cider and vinegar,	15 63
“ “ salt hay,	17 12
“ “ apples,	15 50
“ “ repair on buildings,	61 77
“ “ labor on farm,	134 60
“ “ spirituous liquors,	3 65
“ “ blacksmith bill,	29 52
“ “ house offal,	82 62
“ “ wagon and sleigh,	25 00
“ “ clothing,	13 27
“ “ sawing lumber,	11 28
“ “ bedding,	36 75
“ “ lumber,	29 28
“ “ salt pork,	10 14
“ “ Dr. Drew's bill,	114 00

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*Amount carried forward,*

\$2,988 94

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,988 94	
To cash paid for Dr. H. Hiller's bill,	26 00	
“ “ burial of Z. Tweed,	18 00	
“ “ “ of Judith Alexander,	14 00	
“ “ Superintendent's salary		
to Feb. 1,	274 24	
“ “ Dr. Toothaker's bill	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$3323 68

*Credits.*

Cash received for neat stock,	\$308 30	
“ “ for swine,	375 18	
“ “ for eggs and milk,	12 98	
“ “ for board,	30 00	
“ “ for keeping peddlers,	26 50	
“ “ for lumber,	6 00	
“ “ for labor of Superintendent,	65 54	
“ “ for poultry,	26 52	
“ “ for vegetables,	4 75	
“ “ for fresh pork,	6 23	
“ “ for cranberries,	15 60	
“ “ for hay,	97 79	
“ “ for ashes,	4 00	
“ “ of George L. Butters for		
Mary R. Butters,	10 00	
“ “ of Supt. on Hiller's bill,	2 00	
“ “ due from F. S. Richardson		
for lumber,	117 31	
	<hr/>	\$1,108 70
Total expense at the Almshouse,		<hr/> \$2,214 98

*Outside Poor:—*

Taunton Hospital for support of H. B.	
Stickney,	\$280 38
City of Lawrence, aid to Philander M.	
King,	38 00
Town of Woburn, aid to Mrs. Olive	
Tweed,	34 48
F. B. Hillers, setting ankle bone for John	
Butters,	7 50
F. B. Hillers, attendance on Elbridge	
Gowing,	20 00
S. B. Nichols, interment of do.,	5 00
Fuel and groceries furnished the family	
of Peter Valentine,	59 62
Dr. Toothaker, attendance on State	
pauper in 1872,	2 00
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	\$446 98
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Total expense of poor,	\$2,661 96

THOMAS P. EAMES,	} <i>Overseers</i>
H. ALLEN SHELDON,	
H. B. NICHOLS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Poor.</i>

# STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## *Births Registered in Wilmington in 1874.*

NO.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	DATE OF BIRTH.
1	Mary C. Cragin,	Michael and Mary M. Cragin,	January, 13, 1874.
2	Wm. Byron McIntosh,	Geo. W. and Mary A. McIntosh,	January, 1874.
3	George A. Fortes,*	Mary Butters,	January, 29, 1874.
4		George and Lucy Temple,	February, 2, 1874.
5	John P. Raynolds,	John and Maria Raynolds,	March, 31, 1874.
6	Lottie M. Boyce,	Daniel and Hannah Boyce,	June, 2, 1874.
7	Morris A. Buck,	Edwin and Elvira Buck,	June, 2, 1874.
8	Hattie E. Eames,	Thomas and Emily Eames,	June, 18, 1874.
9	Mary Blanchard,	Samuel O. and Mary Blanchard,	August, 10, 1874.
10	James Doyle,	James and Kate Doyle,	Nov. 26, 1874.
11	Edward E. Fairfield,	Theophilus and Ezilda Fairfield,	December, 8, 1874.

\*Born out of Wedlock



## Deaths Registered in Wilmington 1874.

N.	DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.	CON- DITION.	PLACE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	Mar. 26	Hellen A. Robie,	Y. 3	M. 6 single	Wilmington	Benj. A. & Lucy H. Robie,	dysentery.
2	Apr. 6	Hannah W. Brigham,	71	10 marr'd	Wilmington	Jonathan & Hannah Walcott	paralysis.
3	May 26	Esther Carter,	76	3 marr'd	Wilmington	Edward & Mary Beard,	dropsey.
4	June 7	George Slack,	75	marr'd	Wilmington	John & Anna Slack,	paralysis.
5	June 19	Louisa Johnson,		marr'd	Wilmington	Jonathan & Louisa Rowell,	cancer.
6	June 20	Zebediah Tweed,	56	marr'd	Wilmington	Zebediah & Betsey Tweed,	consumption
7	Aug. 16	Anna M. McIntosh,	84	6 marr'd	Wilmington	Geo. & Elizabeth Walstrove,	paralysis.
8	Sept 15	Lizzie L. Sidelinker,	1	10	Wilmington	G. W. & M. A. Sidelinker,	dysentery.
9	Sept 16	Lottie M. Boyce,	3	3	Wilmington	David H. & Hannah Boyce,	chol. infant
10	Oct. 13	Jonathan Carter,	83	6 wid'r	Wilmington	Jonathan & Mary Carter,	heart disease
11	Nov. 6	Catherine K. Walker,	55	9 marr'd	Wilmington	Josiah & Mary Gillis,	liver comp.
12	Nov. 8	Elbridge G. Gowing,	6	2	Wilmington	Jon. H. & Mary J. Gowing,	diphtheria.
13	Dec. 19	George E. Orcutt,	27	4 single	Andover	Chas. D. & Jenett Orcutt,	killed on RR
14	Dec. 29	Peter Valentine,	71	marr'd	Wilmington	John & Sarah Valentine,	paralysis.

*Marriages Registered in Wilmington 1874.*

DATE OF MARRIAGE.	NAMES OF GROOM & BRIDE.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1874.						
1	Charles A. Taylor, Susan M. Parker,	26 18	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Carpent'r Groom.	Wilmington, Burlington,	Elbridge and Abby L. Taylor, Doane and Susan Parker.
2 Feb. 5	Cyrus L. Carter, Sarah D. Jaquith,	62 41	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Manufac- turer.	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Henry and Hannah L. Carter, Joshua and Sabra Jaquith.
3 May 28	James Jaques, Martha A. Cutler,	74 29	Wilmington, Burlington,	Merchant in Cal.	Wilmington, Burlington,	Samuel and Ruth Jaques, Otis and Mary Cutler.
4 Jun. 24	W. Warren Carter, Henrietta V. Doe,	26 20	Wilmington, Lynn, Mass.	Trader,	Wilmington, Somerville, Me.	Jonathn 2d & Mary Ann Carter, Henry D. and Freeclove Doe.
5 Jul. 15	Timothy D. Upton, Sarah J. Magoon,	35 18	Wilmington, Ballardvale,	Farmer,	Wilmington, Canada,	Timothy and Ruth Upton, Alvin and Betsey J. Magoon.
6 Jul. 14	Marcus M. Bancroft Julia Owens,	32 33	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Farmer,	Wilmington, Yarmouth, N. S.	Harrison & Hepsibah Bancroft, John and Sarah Owens.
7 Nov 26	Geo. M. Milligan, Mary E. Carter.	33 25	Wilmington, Wilmington.	Butcher,	Plymouth, N. H. Wilmington,	William and Sarah Milligan, Rich E. and Mary B. Carter.
8 Dec 21	Wm. Stanley, Ellen Buck,	23 19	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Carpent'r Groom.	England, Ireland,	Edward and Mary Stanley. Samuel and Mary Buck.

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to J. L. Carter, May 1, 1868,	\$1,500 00
“ Darius Buck, Oct. 1. 1872,	1,100 00
“ Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1866,	2,000 00
“ “ “ Dec. 23, 1870,	1,000 00
“ Otis C. Buck, April 20, 1869,	500 00
“ “ “ Aug. 20, 1870,	500 00
“ L. C. Eames, April 1st, 1871,	1,000 00
H. M. Eames, Trustee, May 4, 1871,	75 00

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\$7,675 00

Due West School,	\$ 29 48	
“ South “	30 40	
“ North “	27 21	
“ East “	36 53	
“ High “	238 50	
“ Cemetery,	110 33	
“ on Town orders,	9 00	
“ O. W. Studley,	274 67	
	<hr/>	\$756 12
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		\$8,431 12

*Assets:—*

Cash in Treasury,	\$1,014 73	
Due on taxes 1873, W. Eames, Col.	52 81	
“ “ 1874, “ “	84 43	
“ “ 1875, S. B. Nichols “	1,492 01	
“ for lumber,	117 30	
	<hr/>	\$2,761 28
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Net indebtedness of the Town,		\$5,669 84

A CONDENSED SUMMARY OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDI-  
ending February 1875, as appears by

Dr.	CASH.	1874.
Balance of Cash in Treasury on former settlement,		\$1,290 56
Received for windows, ac't Center School,		3 50
"    from the Commonwealth, ac't Corporation tax, balance		
of previous year,		12 09
Received of G. S. Batters, board of sister at Poor House,		10 00
"    of County Treasurer, return of dog tax,		69 36
"    for Town's Notes issued in Anticipation of tax,		1,200 00
"    on account Books sold, S. B. Nichols, Agt.		58 93
"    int. of New England Trust Co., for money on deposit,		25 74
"    of Commonwealth, Corporation tax,		30 87
"    of Commonwealth, National Bank tax,		98 10
"    of Fish Commissioners,		2 00
"    on account State Aid,		293 74
"    of Commonwealth on account School Fund,		235 84
"    of S. B. Nichols, account tax, 1874,		7,110 00
"    of Warren Eames, " " 1873,		1,683 66
"    of " " " " 1872,		25 00
"    for sales Cemetery Lots,		50 00
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		\$12,459 12

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1875.	
February. To balance in Treasury brought forward,	\$1,014 73

TURES OF THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR,  
the books of the Treasurer, C. L. Carter,

1874.	CONTRA.	Cr.
By amount of Town orders paid,		\$5,826 03
" Cash paid on Interest account,		591 46
" " Town Notes,		1,900 00
" " State Tax,		780 00
" " County Tax,		533 76
" " Library,		100 00
" " for account School Books,		73 19
" " for account Schools,		1,639 95
" Balance forward to new account,		1,014 73

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\$12,459 12

The undersigned, a Committee chosen on the part of the Town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly cast and properly vouched for, and they find remaining in the Treasury one thousand and fourteen  $\frac{73}{100}$  dollars.

LEMUEL C. EAMES, }  
HENRY SHELDON, } *Committee.*

Wilmington, Feb. 16, 1874.



## BOOK ACCOUNT.

S. B. Nichols in account with School Books.

1874. DR.

To amount books on hand,	\$74 32
To amount books purchased,	73 19

1874. CR.

By sales books,	58 93
By com's on sales on books furnished indigent Scholars,	9 39
By books on hand,	79 19
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	\$147 51

1875.

To books on hand,	\$79 19
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Feb. 1st, 1875.

Paid County Treasurer for Dog Licenses, 1874, \$105 00

W. H. CARTER.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The following is a list of donations to the Library during the year, in order of date :—

From M. H. Fitzgerald,	1 volume.
Miss Emma Eames,	1 “
Otis Gowing,	1 “
Mrs. J. R. Goodwin,	2 “
Mrs. Clara A. Simonds,	1 “
John L. Parker (Woburn Directory),	1 “
D. P. Brigham,	2 “
*John R. Nickles, N. Y.,	25 “
Henry L. Carter,	1 “
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Total number of donations,	34
Number of books purchased,	55
Books numbered for circulation,	689
Number of persons taking out books,	197
Whole number taken out during the year,	1,162

The library room during the year 1875, will be supplied with Harper's Magazine, St. Nicholas, Boston Journal of Chemistry (by the kindness of Dr. S. A. Toothaker), and Woburn Journal.

\*Also a large number of Magazines, etc.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

1874

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To cash paid D. C. Colesworthy	
for books,	\$56 15
“ “ paper for covers,	1 10
“ “ A. Williams & Co., books,	9 03

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*Amount carried forward,* \$66 28

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$66 28	
To cash paid for Magazine,	1 05	
“ “ for express fees,	1 15	
“ “ for freight on books,	1 65	
“ “ for brushes, ink, etc.,	45	
“ “ for letter paper,	20	
“ “ for Librarian's salary,	25 00	
Cash to balance,	11 72	
	<hr/>	\$107 50

1874

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By balance on hand,	\$ 3 26	
By cash received of Town Treasurer,	100 00	
By cash received for fines, 1873-4,	4 24	
	<hr/>	\$107 50

C. W. SWAIN,

*Treasurer and Librarian,*


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Employ your time by improving yourself in other men's documents; so shall you come easily by what others have labored hard for. Prefer knowledge to wealth, for one is transitory the other perpetual.—SOCRATES.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1874-5.

In submitting this, our annual report, the Committee are glad to be able to state, that the several public schools supported by the town, have pursued their usual quiet course, without any disturbing public excitement to interfere with the teacher in methods of instruction or government of the school, to the extent of the appropriations made by the town therefor.

In the appointment of teachers we have acted in accordance with the point made in the last report, viz: "Avoid unnecessary changes of teachers," and we think this is sound. No changes were made till the end of the spring term, or were then expected to be made; but before the commencement of the next term, Miss Eastman concluded not to accept the West School, and to fill that vacancy, Miss Abbie C. Buck, fresh from our own High School, was appointed. And of course as we expected, when she entered upon her first term of teaching, she would carry into the work much of the same methods and activity which characterized her three years course of study under the guidance of Miss Chandler, and in this we were not disappointed; for at the closing examination it fully appeared to the committee, that there had been very much accomplished. The recitations were prompt and interesting in all departments, and we think Miss Buck has made an excellent beginning.

### PRIMARY AND COMMON SCHOOLS.

We do not in this report propose to consider and speak of each separate school; for if we should attempt it we are liable to do injustice. But we prefer to speak of the impor-

tance of a kind and just regard for all of them, as here we find the plants of tender and brightest promise, that will well reward careful and judicious culture. And in respect to these schools your committee find cheering evidence of diligent application on the part of teachers, to attain the best and most desirable results for the present improvement of the pupils under their charge, and where this is clearly seen to be the case, and acknowledged by the scholar in his increased mental activity and energy of purpose to do cheerfully the best he can in all the school exercises; is at once the most conclusive evidence of substantial growth and progress, not only in the acquisition of useful knowledge, but in the development and formation of character, and at the same time it serves to enlarge and strengthen the natural faculties of the mind for high and noble purposes in the future.

It is this fact which so encourages teachers to labor in faith, in hope and charity, seeing that the children in our schools of to-day are soon to come forward as men and women and take their position in society, and share in the active duties of social, civil and moral life.

And now as we think of these scholars in each of these schools in view of their present attainments and general deportment, we are led to believe that there is with them, under the training and instruction with which they have been favored in our schools, which leads them to-day to cherish a higher regard, a more just appreciation of knowledge and a keener sense of what is needed by them in order to meet the demands of the age with honorable usefulness and respectability to themselves than was felt or thought of by those of corresponding age, a few years ago.

This may, in part, be accounted for by a higher and better public sentiment respecting schools and education. It doubtless has accomplished very much; and will continue to further aid in this important work, as in some measure its present and future needs may demand. But in the school room we think it comes from the improved mode of teach-



ing. The introduction of the blackboard was a great gain, and its skilful use serves in various ways to interest and benefit quite young children.

Drawing has received some attention in all the schools, we observed some very fine maps on the blackboard, drawn by the scholars, which showed their capacity and skill in this department, and through this exercise are greatly aided in gaining a more definite and correct knowledge of the geography, and causes it to take a firmer hold on the memory ; and also greatly relieves the study of its former dryness.

We have been much interested to notice in the North and East schools, some good sketches of buildings drawn, and a few very nice figures of birds and beasts which looked quite natural, and really showed unmistakable care and good taste. As we remember the figures we can but feel that the *hand* and *mind* were being benefited and educated.

Music has been introduced in the schools where the teachers were singers, with very marked and happy results in its general effects on the school, especially so, in the East School where the children were taught to sing by note. And now, if any one thinks this is not called for in our schools, we will say, that after listening to a very pleasant but brief exercise in singing, in which nearly all participated and seemed to enjoy it very much, we inquired of the teacher as to the effect of this exercise upon the general studies of the school, and the reply was, "It does not at all interfere with study, but prepares the whole school the better to engage in it." In this case then, none of the fundamental branches of study which underly and must ever constitute the foundation of any proper and sound education will suffer by the occasional stated practice in music. But then, if on the other hand, Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and History are *better studied* in school by our scholars. The argument is strong in favor of music. And here in the

primary school it has this additional feature, it serves to interest and greatly to refresh the young children; and they thus become more identified with the school as *their* school, and consequently grow more strongly attached to it, and of course are unwilling to be absent for a single day (unless from sickness or some other absolute necessity). Here we would call attention to the table of statistics which we give below, the average attendance given is always an important matter in respect to the success of any school; the West and East schools stand ahead in this particular, we feel just like complimenting these teachers and scholars for their good attendance. There may have been, in the other schools however, some sufficient local cause to prevent a fuller attendance. We do not wish to censure too severely, but only to say, make it your aim to be punctual and constant at school in the future. And then the habit thus formed in the early period of school days, and the increased benefit obtained from the school will be yours, with growing power and usefulness through active life.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Name of School.	Name of Teacher.	Terms.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Length of Term.	Wages per month
High and Gram'r	Miss Ada B. Chandler,	Spring.	29	27	3 mos.	\$48 00
East.	" Hattie E. Abbott,	Fall.	29	25	2½ "	48 00
"	" " " "	Winter.	29		3 "	48 00
"	" Rebecca Eames,	Summer	28	25	2 "	32 00
West.	" " " "	Winter.	30	28	4½ "	32 00
"	" M. Phenie Eastman,	Summer	16	14½	3½ "	32 00
"	" Abbie C. Buck,	Winter.	15	13½	3½ "	32 00
Centre.	" M. Emma Eames,	Summer	29	23½	3½ "	32 00
"	" " " "	Winter.	25	21	3½ "	32 00
North.	" Clara E. Bancroft,	Summer	32	22½	3 "	32 00
"	" " " "	Winter.	32	24½	3½ "	32 00
South.	" Mary E. Buck,	Summer	26	21½	3½ "	32 00
"	" " " "	Winter.	28	21½	3½ "	32 00

Names of scholars in the common schools who have not been absent or tardy during a term.

EAST SCHOOL.—*Summer Term.*

Laura S. Buck, Lawrence C. Swain, Joseph H. Kelly, Michael White, Mary G. Swain, Annie M. Perry, William H. White, Lula L. Eames, Katie H. Milligan, Abbie F. Sheldon.

*Winter Term.*

George W. Buck, Lula L. Eames, Abbie F. Sheldon, Katie H. Milligan.

WEST SCHOOL.—*Summer Term.*

Laura J. Butters, M. Alice Simonds, Nellie L. Simonds, S. Lizzie Carter, Joseph H. Putnam.

*Winter Term.*

Laura J. Butters, S. Abbie Carter, Annie B. Cazneau, Joseph H. Putnam, Nellie L. Simonds, M. Alice Simonds, S. Lizzie Carter, Susie E. Putnam.

CENTRE SCHOOL.—*Winter Term.*

Nellie M. Carter, Nellie B. Eames, Mabel W. Eames, Isabella McEnroe, Emily Skilton, Agnes C. Eames, Mattie E. Nichols.

*Summer Term.*

Nellie M. Carter, Emily Skilton, Nellie B. Eames, Emily M. Buck, Isabella McEnroe.

SOUTH SCHOOL.—*Summer Term.*

Everett G. Avery.

*Winter Term.*

Everett G. Avery, Herbert Noyce, Owen Spaulding, Willie Noyce.

NORTH SCHOOL.—*Summer Term.*

Fred Walsh, Willie N. Pearson.

*Winter Term.*

Mary L. Pearson, Elmer E. Collins, Willie N. Pearson,  
Abbie P. Swain, Fred Walsh, Barney Doucett.

The following is the result of an exercise in spelling by the first class in the East School, during the winter term, whose average ages are  $12\frac{1}{2}$  years. Of 800 common words written out by each scholar as follows :

Frank H. Eames	spelled	97 $\frac{3}{4}$	per cent. correctly,
Lottie S. Buck,	"	96	" "
Asa G. Sheldon,	"	92 $\frac{1}{8}$	" "
Willie E. Swain,	"	91 $\frac{3}{4}$	" "
Ellis C. Swain,	"	91 $\frac{3}{8}$	" "
Arthur W. Eames,	"	90 $\frac{1}{4}$	" "
J. Herbert Nason,	"	88 $\frac{5}{8}$	" "
Herbert N. Buck,	"	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "

The above statement we hope may cheer and encourage all to labor and help the young, in ways of attentive industry, in all right ways of well doing.

In reference to the names of scholars whom we honor for their constancy and punctuality, are those who show their determination to derive all the benefits the school is suited to give them, and in this were highly fortunate. And then here we were led to a more careful examination of the school registers, to be sure the above statement is true; and we are sorry to say that we found against two of the above names, one single tardy mark set to each. We preferred to let them stand with this simple fact. There are several others, also, who have not been absent during a term but a single half day, and perhaps others who were absent for a longer time, but were greatly saddened by what detained them; and are, therefore, just as much entitled to the respect and consideration of all, as are those more fortunate ones, whose names we have given.

Thus, then, may you all take courage and work on to



peacefully overcome all the obstacles in your way, to eminent usefulness in the world, and the durable riches of true happiness.

#### SCHOOL HOUSES.

The Committee beg leave to say under this head that the Town, at their last annual meeting, authorized and empowered the School Committee to repair and put in order for use the East Schoolhouse, and generously appropriated six hundred dollars therefor; we supposed at the time it was an ample amount for the purpose. After consultation the work was commenced and revealed as is often the case, a necessity for more extensive repairs than was at first contemplated, but after deliberation it was deemed most prudent to make a thorough and complete repair which was done with good materials. And now we see no occasion to regret it, although its cost exceeded the appropriation by \$179.44, for in its present condition it meets the general approval, and will for years to come without much additional expense.

The Centre Schoolhouse has the past season, agreeably to the vote of town, been furnished with a ventilator, at a small expense, which admirably improves the school-room in the way of easily and safely admitting pure air, and thus changing the temperature so as to promote the health and general vigor of the occupants, and in this respect gives general satisfaction so far as we know.

The West Schoolhouse will, we suppose, be next in order for improvement, and when the subject comes up we have no doubt but what the town will exercise its usual fairness and generosity in this case as in the past.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

The spring term of this school comprised twenty-nine scholars, under the charge of Miss Chandler, of Andover, who had previously earned an enviable reputation as a teacher in this school, having had charge of it from its commencement, and all through exhibited a clear preception



of what was needed by her scholars; and labored wisely with untiring fidelity and skill for their sure and permanent improvement, which was made fully to appear at the closing examination, which occurred June 26th, 1874. And with this term was completed the prescribed three years course of study for the first class. The exercises were all highly interesting in their tone and character, and entered into by all with gratifying spirit and energy. The large number of friends and citizens present will remember this occasion with peculiar satisfaction, as respecting all the classes and exercises of the school in their onward and upward tendencies. But especially on account of what had been so industriously achieved by the graduating class when these ten choice sons and daughters of the town came forward, one by one, and received their well merited diplomas, at the hand of Rev. Benjamin A. Robie. Their names are as follows: Abby C. Buck, Arthur O. Buck, Myron E. Buck, Ella L. Carter, Florence S. Eames, Edgar N. Eames, Lizzie J. Harnden, Mary A. Gowing, Annie F. Nichols and Ella J. Pearson.

And then after brief addresses of commendation and advice to the graduating class and the school, the exercises were closed by prayer for the Divine blessing and guidance by Rev. Mr. Robie.

We need not say here that high expectations are raised in this community of this class, for already is it seen that their intellectual and moral culture is not for themselves alone, but is beginning to be felt in active elevating influences, which we hope will continue to increase for long years to come, in labors of charity and mercy in behalf of their fellows—so that the intelligence, morality and virtue, which our schools inculcate, shall be seen through all departments of society to be eminently good and wise.

During the ensuing vacation we were doomed to unexpected disappointment and trial in consequence of Miss Chandler's decision to resign her connection of teacher of this school. And, much as we all regretted it, we had no alternative, but to accept it. And now we are pleased to

express our sense of obligation to Miss Chandler for her kind and friendly aid, to the committee, as also for her general interest manifested in various ways for the continued welfare and prosperity of this school.

Miss Hattie E. Abbott, of Andover, was obtained to take charge of this school and continue the work which had been so well commenced. Miss Abbott entered upon the work with evident devotion and diligence, and we think has labored with a desire to accomplish all that is contemplated to be secured in such a school. But it should be stated here in justice to all, that in the admission of the new class, numbering ten, which, so far made it a new and different school, and some of these brought in a more restless and boisterous element than had formerly been seen in this school. This fact made it much more trying and difficult for the teacher, and exceedingly unpleasant to every one but the heedless. The Committee may have made a mistake at the time of admission, still it seemed that these lads needed the benefits of this school, which to the industrious scholar will be found always to amply reward diligence and self-application to the details of close study. The most of the scholars we are led to believe are studious and respectful in deportment, and are steadily advancing with credit to themselves and teacher. But the objectionable element which we have alluded to is a *serious* obstacle; and one that is not easily conquered. We have spoken of this in none too strong terms, we are well aware; but in the hope that it may serve as a friendly caution in the future to all, for the evil must be corrected in one way or the other. And now, what scholar is there, who will not see that it is vastly better every way, to conform to the rules of the school, and observe the proprieties of the school room; and to move in and about it in a becoming manner, so that your studies and exercise in sports or plays may reveal your consideration for the rights of others, and thus learn and attain true manliness of character, which will not only save you from many personal, bitter regrets, but will cause you to confer much pleasure to others. Therefore,

think well of the school, and do not think of foregoing its salutary and elevating influences for false and senseless present gratification, avoid it, as you would to be turned out into the busy world of temptation, in self-willed ignorance of what is right and good for yourself and the community in which you live. For this reason, then, every one should encourage and help on the scholar in the way of obedience and constant endeavor to merit approval of teacher and friends, not only as a present privilege, but also in reference to the results which will appear in manhood to elevate and strengthen society, or to corrupt and degrade.

On the first day of May, last, there were one hundred and fifty children in the town, between the ages of five and fifteen years, as reported by the assessors. And the whole number of scholars in all the schools is one hundred and fifty-nine. The number of these above fifteen years, is thirteen, and only two under five; thus leaving only six children who from disability or other causes are not in the school.

In conclusion, we have only to say, that agreeable to wise provisions of law, the town is required to make annual appropriations of money for the support of public schools therein, and furnish all necessary appliances therefor. And in view of the encouragements there are, respecting the youth of the town, in all its present bearings on the prosperity, peace and happiness of the town, as well as the results on the rising generation in the years to come we are lead to trust that such sums of money will be cheerfully raised, as will carry forward this cause to a point of success in moral and intellectual improvement, that will adorn the homes of the children and largely contribute to the peace, good order and happiness of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

LEMUEL C. EAMES,  
WARREN EAMES,  
JONATHAN CARTER, }

*School  
Committee.*

Wilmington, Feb. 18, 1875,

## TRANSCRIPT

of the articles in the warrant issued for the annual meeting of March 1st, 1875, at 10 A. M.

ART. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting.

ART. 2nd. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3rd. To hear reports of Committees and Town Officers and act thereon.

ART. 4th. To see how much money the Town will raise to defray annual expenses and pay Town debts.

ART. 5th. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 6th. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Select School for the ensuing year.

ART. 7th. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of Highways and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 8th. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for maintenance of the Public Library for the ensuing year.

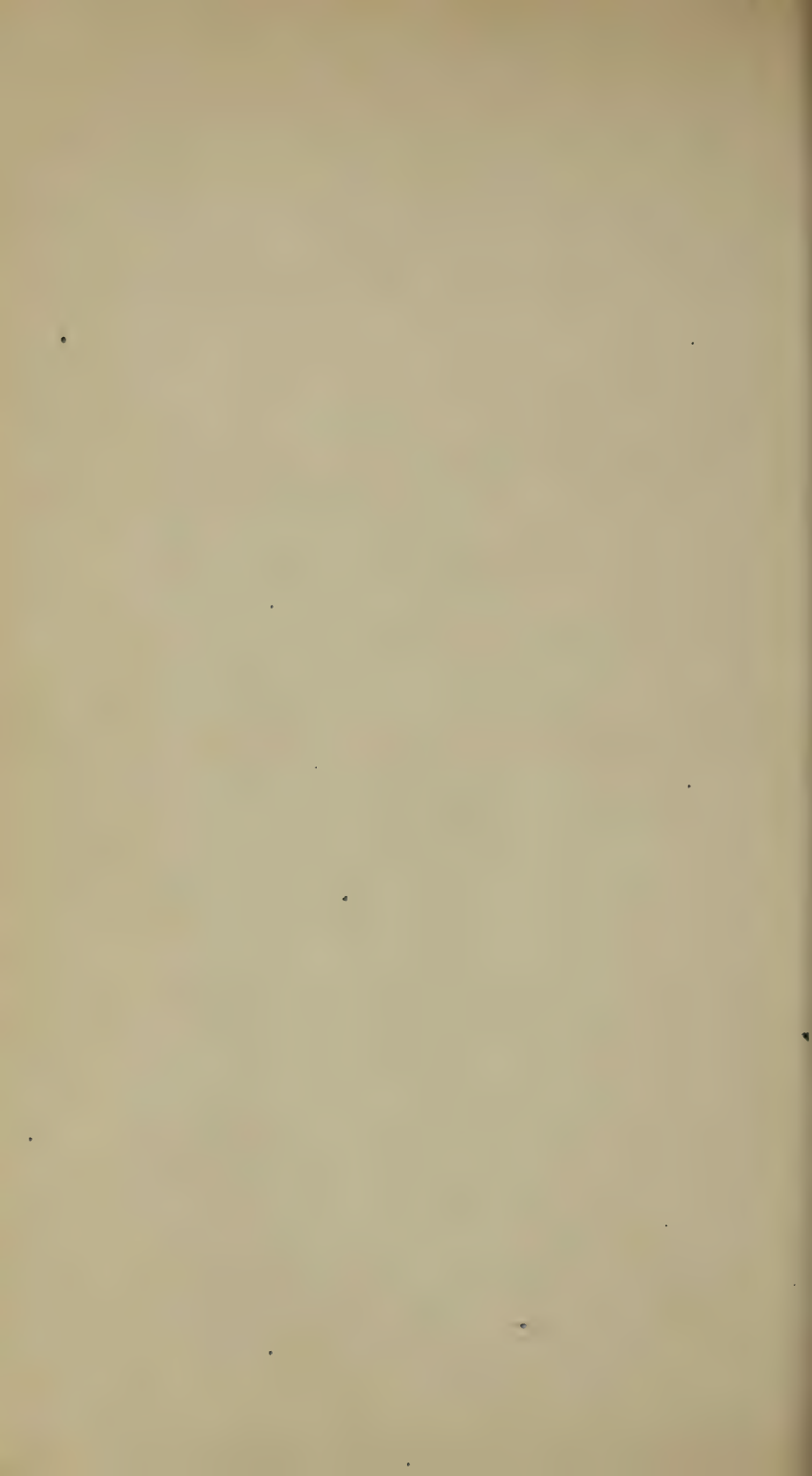
ART. 9th. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 10th. To see if the Town will build a new Schoolhouse in the West District (so called) of this town, or what measures they will adopt in relation thereto by way of repairs on the present one.

ART. 11th. To see if the Town will authorize the building of a well at each schoolhouse in town, which is at present without one.

ART. 12th. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.







ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

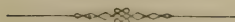
From Feb. 1, 1875, to Feb. 1, 1876,

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1875—6

AND THE

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.



READING:

PRESS OF EDWIN L. HILL.

1876



# Town Officers for 1875.

## Selectmen.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS, CHAIRMAN.

EDWARD A. CARTER,

OTIS C. BUCK.

## Town Clerk.

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

## Town Treasurer.

CYRUS L. CARTER.

## Assessors.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS, EDWARD A. CARTER, OTIS C. BUCK.

## Overseers of the Poor.

ISAAC DAMON, CHAIRMAN,

Z. T. WHITE,

H. BREWSTER NICHOLS.

## School Committee.

CHESTER W. CLARK,  
S. S. MATHEWS,  
JOHN N. EAMES,

term expires	March,	1876.
"	"	" 1877.
"	"	" 1878.

## Trustees of Public Library.

CHESTER W. CLARK,  
JAMES A. SHEPARD,  
Z. T. WHITE,  
LEMUEL C. EAMES,  
CHARLES W. SWAIN,  
CYRUS L. CARTER,

term expires	March,	1876.
"	"	" "
"	"	" 1877.
"	"	" "
"	"	" 1878.
"	"	" "

## Treasurer and Librarian.

CHARLES W. SWAIN.

## Auditors of Accounts.

HENRY SHELDON, LEMUEL C. EAMES, WILLIAM H. CARTER.

## Collector of Taxes.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## Constable.

S. B. BODWELL, Jr.

## Special Police.

A. P. PEARSON,

Z. T. WHITE,

HENRY BUCK.

## Fence Viewers.

OTIS C. BUCK,

J. McDONALD,

ISAAC DAMON.

## Sealer of Weights and Measures.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

## Surveyors of Highways.

H. BREWSTER NICHOLS,  
 WILLIAM H. CARTER, 2nd.,  
 FREDERICK S. WHITE,  
 BENJAMIN BUCK,  
 HENRY BUCK,  
 SOLON L. JOHNSON,

SIMEON JAQUITH, 2nd.,  
 SYLVESTER CARTER,  
 HIRAM BANCROFT,  
 EDWARD MEARS,  
 ISAAC DAMON,  
 JOHN T. WILD,

WILLIAM H. BOUTWELL.

## Surveyors of Lumber.

HENRY SHELDON,  
 SILAS BROWN,

F. H. NICHOLS,  
 JOHN T. WILD,

EDWARD A. CARTER.

## Measurers of Wood and Bark.

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
 Z. T. WHITE,

HENRY SHELDON,  
 FRANK H. NICHOLS,

HENRY L. BANCROFT.

## Public Weigher of Merchandise.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## Field Drivers.

THOMAS P. EAMES,  
 GEORGE T. EAMES,

GEORGE W. SIDELINKER,  
 SANFORD WESTON,

SOLON L. JOHNSON,

## Pound Keeper.

J. A. SHEPARD.

## Superintendent of Alms House.

JAMES MONROE.

## List of Jurors as Revised Oct. 20th., 1875.

OTIS C. BUCK,  
 EVERALL HARNDEN,  
 WILLIAM G. TOWNSEND,  
 THOMAS P. EAMES,  
 H. ALLEN SHELDON,  
 Z. T. WHITE,  
 HORACE SHELDON,

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS,  
 CHARLES M. GOWING,  
 DARIUS BUCK,  
 EDWARD A. CARTER,  
 WARREN EAMES,  
 JOHN T. WILD,  
 CHARLES W. SWAIN.

## Selectmen's Report.

### EXPENSE OF TOWN OFFICERS:

Paid William H. Carter, services as Town Clerk,	\$15 00
Cyrus L. Carter, services as Treasurer,	50 00
Samuel B. Nichols, services as Selectman and Assessor,	80 00
Edward A. Carter, services as Selectman and Assessor,	65 00
Otis C. Buck, services as Selectman and Assessor,	55 00
Isaac Damon, Overseer of the poor,	50 00
Z. T. White, " " " "	50 00
H. B. Nichols, " " " "	40 00
Samuel B. Nichols, Collector of Taxes,	100 00
Stephen B. Bodwell, Jr., services as Constable,	25 00
Henry Buck, services as Special Police,	4 00
Chester W. Clark, services as School Committee,	20 00
John N. Eames, services as School Committee,	15 00
	<hr/> \$569 00

### REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS:

The amount expended by the several Surveyors, viz:	
By Isaac Damon,	85 00
Henry Buck,	100 00
Solon L. Johnson,	65 00
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$250 00



AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$250 00
Simeon Jaquith, 2nd.,	75 00
William H. Carter, 2nd.,	80 00
Sylvester Carter,	75 00
Edward Mears,	60 00
H. Brewster Nichols,	70 00
Frederick S. White,	100 00
Benjamin Buck,	70 00
Hiram Bancroft,	65 00
William H. Boutwell,	75 00
John T. Wild, *	80 00
	<hr/> \$1000 00

## ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Paid William H. Carter, 2nd., removing snow,	6 50
Henry Buck, " "	8 10
Edward Mears, " "	16 10
Sylvester Carter, " "	7 67
Frederick S. White, " "	6 45
Isaac Damon, " "	3 60
Solon L. Johnson, " "	6 00
William H. Boutwell, " "	4 30
Benjamin Buck, " "	11 20
John T. Wild, " "	8 40
Simeon Jaquith, 2nd., " "	4 00
William H. Carter, extra highway work on the Boutwell Road,	89 30
Benjamin Buck, extra highway work,	3 20
Horatio N. Eames, " " "	15 54
E. M. & F. H. Nichols, extra " "	4 00
Sylvester Carter " " "	3 40
H. Allen Sheldon, new culvert near Jonathan Buck,	10 00
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$207 76

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$207 76
E. A. Carter & Otis C. Buck Railing Bridges,	9 15
Charles Hopkins, cutting Brush on Highway,	12 00
Mrs. L. J. Blaisdell, for land taken to widen the highway near the Hay Scales, (in 1872.)	15 00
	<hr/> \$243 91

EXPENSE OF WELLS AT SCHOOL HOUSES AS PER REPORT  
OF THE COMMITTEE:

Paid J. A. Ames as per bill,	\$3 71
J. W. Perry for blacksmith work,	9 37
J. W. Murry, carpenter work,	13 00
Horatio N. Eames, carpenter work,	53 00
Benjamin F. Perry, for labor,	21 00
James Monroe, "	40 50
Isaac Damon, "	82 73
Willie R. Butters, "	41 00
H. W. Loring, for four pumps,	53 00
Town for lumber,	15 09
	<hr/> \$332 40

EXPENSE OF CEMETERY:

For building new fence and repairing old:

Paid A. L. Books for lumber,	\$70 86
J. A. Ames, paint, oil and nails,	30 99
A. Deslauriers, blacksmith work,	3 98
Edward A. Carter, labor,	16 65
Carting and freight on lumber,	3 67
Henry Buck, labor,	10 12
Edward M. Nichols, labor,	22 00

AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$158 27
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AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$158 27
John T. Wild, labor,	16 88
John W. Perry, blacksmith work,	1 56
Samuel B. Nichols, for nails,	96
	<hr/> \$177 67

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:

Paid John L. Parker, printing 350 copies Town Reports for 1874,	66 95
C. P. Judd, for legal service in 1873	60 75
A. Deslauriers, repairing hearse,	4 52
Cyrus L. Carter, blank book, stationery and postage stamps,	4 90
W. A. Brooks & Co., for 18 police badges,	3 00
J. A. Ames, water pails for High School, 1 15, and oil for town, 40,	1 55
S. B. Nichols, blank book for hay scales,	2 75
" " " cleaning Town House and 2 brooms,	3 95
S. B. Nichols. oil for Town House,	3 00
" " " express, postage and stationery,	10 83
S. B. Nichols, printing bills,	3 75
" " " returning deaths to Town Clerk,	4 50
Fred M. Carter, ringing bell,	5 00
William H. Carter, for recording and returning Births, Deaths and Marriages to Secretary of State,	14 62
William H. Carter, journey to Reading to qualify Representative to General Court,	2 00
William H. Carter, express and stationery,	2 12
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$194 19

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD, \$194 19

Paid E. B. Stilling & Co., printing School By-Laws,	2 50
William H. Carter, printing dog licenses,	3 50
John L. Parker, printing 1000 bill-heads,	5 50
Samuel B. Nichols, labor and materials on flag staff,	3 50
E. M. Nichols, for care and repair of windows of Town House,	12 75
E. M. Nichols, for guide boards,	4 00
John T. Wild, for painting flag staff,	15 00
For new stove in Town Hall,	22 00
Samuel B. Nichols, care of Cemetery and writing deeds,	15 00
	<hr/> \$277 94

#### INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY:

On buildings on Town Farm for five years,	\$60 00
Town Hall buildings for five years,	56 25
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	\$116 25
Cr. By returned premium,	13 50
	<hr/> \$102 75

#### ABATEMENT ON TAXES:

For 1872, Warren Eames, Collector,	\$16 00
1873, " " "	23 50
1874, Samuel B. Nichols, "	36 20
1875, " " "	41 88
	<hr/> \$117 58
Paid County Treasurer for dog licenses, 1875,	\$103 80

WILLIAM H. CARTER, Town Clerk.

## EXPENSE OF WEST SCHOOL HOUSE:

Paid for land to E. B. Carter,	25 00
" lumber, etc.,	856 82
" labor,	626 22
	<hr/> \$1508 04

## EXPENSE OF SCHOOLS:

For High School,	\$536 24
North "	237 10
South "	276 18
East "	238 65
West "	268 56
Centre "	240 50
	<hr/> \$1797 23

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

SAMUEL D. NICHOLS, AGENT.

1875.

DR.

February, To Books on hand,	\$79 19
Apr. 21. " Cash paid D. C. Colesworthy for books,	17 10
Oct. To Cash paid G. E. Colesworthy, for books,	63 84
Dec. To Cash paid Barry & Colesworthy, for books,	17 28
	<hr/> \$177 41

1875.

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By Cash per Treasurer's receipts,	\$70 64
Books on hand,	76 11
" delivered to teachers' desks,	10 37
" " " indigent Children,	8 12
Commission on sale of books,	12 17
	<hr/> \$177 41
Feb. 1876, To books on hand at settlement,	\$76 11



TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THEIR LAST ANNUAL  
MEETING, VIZ:

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED.		AMOUNT PAID OUT.	
For support of Poor,	\$1400 00	Expense of Poor,	\$1375 18
payment of Town Officers,	475 00	" Town Officers,	569 00
Roads and Bridges,	300 00	" Roads and Bridges,	243 91
Common Schooling,	1000 00	" Common Schools,	1260 99
Select Schooling,	550 00	" Select School,	536 24
support of Public Library,	100 00	" Public Library,	100 00
support of Highways,	1000 00	" Highways,	1000 00
new school house in West		" new school house at	
Dist.,	1500 00	" the West Dist.,	1508 04
interest on town debt,	550 00	" interest on town debt,	589 74
new wells,	500 00	" new wells,	332 40
miscellaneous expenses,	350 00	" miscellaneous expen's,	277 94
State Aid,	250 00	" State Aid,	228 00
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	\$7975 00		\$8021 44

State Tax,	\$780 00
County Tax,	500 39
	<hr/> \$1280 39

P. S. In consequence of an error in the county warrant, it being for two hundred dollars and thirty-nine cents, but when the Treasurer came to pay the tax, five hundred dollars and thirty-nine cents was demanded, which, of course, was paid, making three hundred dollars more than was provided for in our annual assessment

STATE AID:

Paid widow Mary A. Phelps,	\$48 00
" Mary A. Chapman,	48 00
" Eliza J. Upton,	48 00
" Lavinia J. Blaisdell,	48 00
Willie R. Butters,	36 00
	<hr/> \$228 00

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS,	} SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.
EDWARD A. CARTER,	
OTIS C. BUCK.	

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

The Overseers of the Poor, in the discharge of their duties for the year 1875, deemed it advisable to employ a new Superintendent, and Mr. James Monroe and wife were employed for one year at a salary of \$450. They have discharged their duties faithfully and acceptably to the Board.

## EXPENDITURES AT ALMSHOUSE :

Paid Jonathan Carter for groceries and grain,	-	-	\$173 43
Joseph A. Ames, " "	-	-	266 68
Warren Eames, for meat,	-	-	64 44
Charles M. Gowing, "	-	-	76 53
Boston Flour Company, flour,	-	-	24 70
Henry Callender & Co., groceries,	-	-	45 73
Martin Hall & Co., sugar,	-	-	20 61
English, Simpson & Co., butter,	-	-	10 13
J. R. Currier, crackers,	-	-	63 98
Isaac Lock, apples,	-	-	6 75
Cochran Brothers, flour,	-	-	24 25
Albert Miller, sawing lumber,	-	-	36 85
Isaac Damon, cutting lumber,	-	-	34 75
James W. Murry, carpenter labor,	-	-	20 32
A. J. Parker, repairing sleigh and wagon,	-	-	9 00
Mrs. Peter Valentine, labor,	-	-	4 00
J. W. Perry, blacksmithing,	-	-	2 15
E. DeJean, bill of 1873,	-	-	1 25
Thomas Bancroft, cutting lumber,	-	-	3 00
B. T. Perry,	-	-	8 50
Buel Carter, sled,	-	-	5 00
Eames Brothers, killing hogs,	-	-	8 00
Isaac Damon, car fare and labor,	-	-	10 80
Everett & Small, one plow,	-	-	15 00
M. C. Warren, sad irons,	-	-	1 12
Boston Herald, advertising,	-	-	3 00
Prayer, Bock & Co., clothing,	-	-	8 50

AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,

\$948 47

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,							\$94 <sup>s</sup> 47
Paid J. B. Souther, burlaps,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 20
Two cows,	-	-	-	-	-	-	110 00
E. W. Studley, salary two months,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 <sup>s</sup> 83
James Monroe, salary ten months,	-	-	-	-	-	-	375 00
Z. T. White, car fare and stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 34
Perry, Cutler & Co., brick and lime,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 50
B. Peabody, one pump,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 50
Samuel B. Nichols, burial of Nancy Alexander,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" " " Philander King,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Commitment of vagrant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 75
							<hr/> \$1534 59

## E. W. STUDLEY'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE:

Paid for House offal	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
meat,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 88
sundries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
one pig,	-	-	-	-	-	-	19 00
one ox yoke,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 50
cane for chairs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
one bottle of essence,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
harness oil and lamp black,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
thread and stockings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
three pairs men's stockings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
one pair of shoes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
coal,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 05
blacksmithing,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 15
							<hr/> \$58 82

## JAMES MONROE'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE:

Paid for nails,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1 05
repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17 23
sundries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 32
car fare and freight,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 73
potatoes, seeds and plants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 95
labor on farm,	-	-	-	-	-	-	27 75
apples,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 40
clothes line,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
expenses to Brighton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
coffins and robe,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
dry goods,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 00

AMOUNTS CARRIED FORWARD,

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\$82 68—\$1676 09

AMOUNTS BROUGHT FORWARD,						\$82 68—\$1676 09
Paid for fish,	-	-	-	-	-	1 84
boots and shoes,	-	-	-	-	-	9 30
vegetables,	-	-	-	-	-	1 32
groceries,	-	-	-	-	-	18 76
soap,	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
aid to Wm. Alexander,	-	-	-	-	-	6 25
2 axes,	-	-	-	-	-	2 75
clothing,	-	-	-	-	-	9 15
tobacco,	-	-	-	-	-	3 15
medicine,	-	-	-	-	-	25
stove pipe for tramp house,	-	-	-	-	-	1 50
lamp chimneys,	-	-	-	-	-	50
turkeys,	-	-	-	-	-	3 82
J. W. Perry, blacksmithing,	-	-	-	-	-	8 26
						<hr/> \$152 53
Total for support of Poor at Almshouse,						\$1745 94

## OUTSIDE POOR:

Paid for supplies furnished Mrs. Peter Valentine,	-	\$85 60
1 3-4 cords wood " " "	-	5 50
aid furnished Philander King by city of Lawrence,	81 90	
board of Eva Sowersby at Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	44 50	
aid furnished Olive Tweed by town of Woburn,	28 47	
board of Wm. Alexander at State Almshouse,	6 00	
Dr. Toothaker medical services at Mrs. P. Valentine's	9 00	
S. B. Nichols, burying State pauper,	10 00	
		<hr/> \$270 97
Total expense of Poor,		\$2016 91

## RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE:

Received for sow and pigs,	-	\$80 00
one pair oxen,	-	125 00
one cow,	-	35 00
one cow,	-	40 00
one boar,	-	15 00
one calf,	-	8 00
lumber,	-	55 10
one cow,	-	41 35
one pig,	-	7 00
labor of oxen,	-	2 50
wood furnished Mrs. P. Valentine,	-	3 00
		<hr/> \$411 95
AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,		

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,				\$411 95
Recei'd	As per Sup't E. W. Studley's account for pigs sold,			56 00
"	"	"	keeping pedlars,	17 50
"	"	"	salt hay sold,	5 50
"	"	"	board Mr. Whittier,	6 50
	As per Sup't J. Monroe's acct., for one old wagon,			5 00
"	"	"	eggs and milk,	88
"	"	"	old iron,	1 30
"	"	"	keeping traveller,	75
"	"	"	hay sold,	50
"	"	"	labor Sup't & horse,	68 50
"	"	"	butter sold,	19 22
"	"	"	squashes sold,	11 78
"	"	"	potatoes	19 85
"	"	"	pigs	16 50
				<hr/> \$641 73

## SUMMARY EXPENSE :

Total expense at Almshouse,	-	-	-	-	\$1745 94
receipts	"	-	-	-	641 73
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Net expense at Almshouse,	-	-	-	-	\$1104 21
Expense outside	"	-	-	-	270 97
Total expense of Poor inside and outside Almshouse,	-	-	-	-	<hr/> \$1375 18
Received of F. S. Richardson for lumber sold in 1874,					
					\$117 31
P. S. Due from the State for the burial of State pauper,					10 00
"	County for expense of commitment of				
	Tramp,	-	-	-	5 75

## NAMES AND AGES OF INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE :

Regis- tered No.	NAMES.	AGE.	REMARKS.
2	Nancy Alexander	87	Died June 20.
5	Louisa Burt	71	
7	Fanny Butters	35	
8	Albert Carter	56	
10	John Bancroft	33	
12	Elbridge Butters,	70	
19	H. Orn Bancroft	43	
22	Charlotte Butters	4	
30	Henry Stickney	36	Admitted July 22, left Sept. 1, returned [Oct. 12.
31	William Alexander	34	" Aug. 26, discharged Sept. 6.
32	Philander King	41	" Sept. 29, died Oct. 9.
33	Martha King	32	" Oct. 20, left Oct. 22.
34	William King	3	" Oct. 20, left Oct. 22.



Whole number of inmates,	13
Present number,	8
Aggregate number of weeks' support,	410 4-7

Six hundred and ninety-five lodgings and fourteen hundred and thirty-three meals have been furnished transient paupers. Three hundred and four lodgings and six hundred and fifty-one meals being furnished in February and March.

ISAAC DAMON,	} OVERSEERS	
Z. T. WHITE,		OF
H. B. NICHOLS.		POOR.

# Public Library.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The following is a list of donations to the Library during the year, in order of date :

From Miss L. A. Currier,	1 vol.
Mrs. Samuel Morrill,	2 "
Hon. Charles L. Flint,	101 "
Miss Sabra Carter,	1 "
C. W. Swain,	1 "
Total number of donations,	106 vol.
Number of books purchased,	45
" " for circulation,	799
" persons taking out books,	196
Whole number taken out during the year,	1086

The library room will be supplied, during the year, with Harper's Magazine, St. Nicholas, Boston Journal of Chemistry, Woburn Journal and probably other Magazines and papers.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1875.	DR.	CR.	1875.
To Cash paid for town map,	\$1 25	By Cash at former settlement,	\$11 72
" " Harper's Magazine	3 40	" rec'd of Town Treas.,	100 00
" " St. Nicholas "	2 00		
" for car fare to Boston,	1 00		
" paid Penniman's Express,	90		
" for paper for book covers,	82		
" to Barry & Colesworthy,			
for books,	50 00		
" for Librarian's salary,	25 00		
" to C. W. Swain, books,	5 00		
" to balance,	22 35		
	<u>\$111 72</u>		<u>\$111 72</u>

CHARLES W. SWAIN, Treasurer and Librarian.

Examined and found correct,

J. A. SHEPARD, AUDITOR.

# A Condensed Abstract from the Town's Books for the year ending February, 1876; C. L. CARTER, Treasurer.

DR.

CASH.

CONTRA.

CR.

To Balance due on previous years settlement,	\$1014 73	By Cash paid Town Orders,	\$6717 24
Cash receiv'd on acct. of Tax of 1872, W. Eames, Col.,	16 00	" " Interest to sundry parties,	589 74
" " " " 1873, " " "	36 00	" " sundry bills for High School,	536 24
" " " " 1874, S. B. Nichols, " "	1322 09	" " North School,	237 10
" " " " 1875, " " "	7830 00	" " South " "	276 18
" for lots sold in Cemetery,	43 00	" " East " "	238 65
" from the State on account School Fund,	230 08	" " West " "	268 56
" " " " National Bank Tax,	89 11	" " Centre " "	240 55
" " " " Corporation Tax,	18 40	" " for books,	80 94
" from County Treasurer (dog licenses refunded),	99 75	" " on acct. of miscellanies,	8 19
" " Overseers of Poor, acct. at Almshouse,	632 49	" " for real estate (West School Lot)	25 00
" for town's notes issued,	2800 00	" " " town's notes,	2800 00
" from the State on acct. of State Aid,	346 59	" " County Tax,	500 39
" for stone for School House wells,	1 50	" " State Tax,	780 00
" from S. B. Nichols for books sold,	70 64	" " on acct. of Library,	100 00
" " " " use of Town House,	10 00	" " refunded Overseers of Poor, Almshouse acct.,	10 27
" for sale of old school house, (West Dist.)	40 00	Balance carried forward,	1229 63
" " Interest on money deposited in Bank,	19 60		
" " Return Premium of Mutual Ins. Co.,	13 50		
" " on acct. of outstanding indebtedness, books sold,	5 20		
	<u>\$14,638 68</u>		<u>\$14,638 68</u>

1876. February, To balance brought forward, \$1229 63

The undersigned, a committee chosen on the part of the Town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing is correctly cast and properly vouched for, and they find remaining in the treasury twelve hundred and twenty-nine dollars and sixty-three cents.

WILLIAM H. CARTER, }  
HENRY SHIELDON, } COMMITTEE.  
L. C. EAMES.

WILMINGTON, February 12, 1876.

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to J. L. Carter, May 1, 1868,	\$1500 00
“ Darius Buck, Oct. 1, 1872,	1100 00
“ Benjamin Buck, May, 1, 1866,	2000 00
“ “ “ Dec. 23, 1870,	1000 00
“ Otis C. Buck, April 20, 1869,	500 00
“ “ “ April 19, 1870,	500 00
“ L. C. Eames, April 1, 1871,	1000 00
“ H. M. Eames, Trustee, May 4, 1871,	75 00
	<hr/> \$7675 00

Due West School,	\$15 89
“ South “	8 68
“ North “	45 07
“ East “	52 84
“ Centre “	8 09
“ High “	281 92
“ West School House,	32 04
Outstanding due to sundry parties,	43 82
	<hr/> \$488 35
	<hr/> \$8163 35

## ASSETS:

Cash in Treasury,	\$1229 63
Due on taxes, 1872, Warren Eames, Col.,	36 81
“ “ 1873, “ “ “	48 43
“ “ 1874, S. B. Nichols “	235 33
“ “ 1875, “ “	1428 64
Advances on account of State Aid,	228 00
	<hr/> \$3206 84
Net indebtedness of the Town,	<hr/> \$4956 51

WILLIAM H. CARTER,	} AUDITORS OF ACCOUNTS.
HENRY SHELDON,	
LEMUEL C. EAMES.	

## STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1875.

NO.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	DATE OF BIRTH.
1	James P. Cragin,	Michael and Mary M. Cragin,	January 8, 1875.
2	Ann W. Doucett,	Joseph and Ann G. Doucett,	February 5, 1875.
3	Edith L. Mathews,	S. Sherburne and Anna E. W. Mathews,	March 1, 1875.
4	Maggie H. Frost,	William A. and Phebe E. Frost,	April 5, 1875.
5	Ina Belle Perry,	John W. and Olive A. Perry,	April 5, 1875.
6	George F. Carter,	Walter D. and Mary E. Carter,	May 17, 1875.
7	Alice W. Buck,	Charles and Susan S. Buck,	May 31, 1875.
8	Florence M. Low,	Timothy and Mary S. Low,	July 2, 1875.
9	Erring S. Batcheller,	James H. and Mary E. Batcheller,	August 4, 1875.
10	Annie M. McEnroe,	Bernard and Susan McEnroe,	August 5, 1875.
11	John Meade,	Thomas and Margaret Meade,	August 5, 1875.
12	Robert L. Eames,	George T. and Lucy E. Eames,	August 17, 1875.
13	Gertie M. Eames,	John Newton and Sarah P. Eames,	September 4, 1875.
14	Leland H. Pearson,	Daniel N. and Josephine Pearson,	September 14, 1875.
15	George A. Carter,	James O. and Lizzie R. Carter,	September 22, 1875.
16	Raymond W. Eames,	Warren and Elizabeth A. Eames,	November 23, 1875.
17	Annose Doucett,	Jeremiah and Ann D. Doucett,	December 16, 1875.



## DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1875.

NO.	DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.		CON- DITION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF PARENTS.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Y.	M. D.				
1	Jan. 23.	Judith Alexander,	79		widow	Burl'g'n Mass	Thomas and Rebecca Harnden	old age.
2	Jan. 28.	Jonathan Eames,	59	2	married	Wilmington	Benjamin and Hannah Eames	lung fever.
3	Feb. 4.	William A. Norence,	unknown.		single	Sweden	Not known	freezing.
4	Feb. 19.	Alanson Libby,	36	2	7 married	Hartford Me	Alexander and Nancy Libby	pneumonia.
5	May 9.	Edward Riley,	51	9	married	Ireland	John and Catherine Riley	consumption.
6	June 14.	Arthur G. Chase,	1	4	17 single	Saugus Mass	George M. and May E. Chase	water on the brain
7	June 20.	Nancy Alexander,	85		widow	not known	Not known	old age.
8	June 20.	Rebecca Flagg,	79		single	Wilmington	John and May Flagg	old age.
9	July 20.	Hannah R. Williams,	65	6	24 widow	St J'nsb'y Vt	James M. and Hannah Stockwell	heart complaint
10	Aug. 5.	Mary Beard,	82	4	widow	Wilmington	Benjamin and Elizabeth Carter	old age.
11	Aug. 26.	Tabitha Austin,	72		married	Wilton Me	Josiah and Tabitha Bacon	paralysis.
12	Aug. 29.	Victor Johnson,	7		single	Boston	Victor and Anna Johnson	'canker & teething
13	Sept. 14.	Ida W. McDonald,	2	5	26 single	Wilmington	John and Esther E. McDonald	brain consumpt'n
14	Sept. 30.	Mary Boulter,	26		26 widow	Canada West	Anton and Mary Gabin	mortification.
15	Oct. 9.	Philander King,	41		married	Wilmington	Philander King and Lucy Alexander	wound.
16	Nov. 4.	Ina B. Perry,	2	7	single	Wilmington	John W. and Olive A. Perry	congestion of lung
17	Nov. 5.	May A. Leonard,	2	6	single	Woburn	John and Margaret Leonard	whooping cough.
18	Dec. 31.	Thomas Farrill,	70		married	Ireland	Not known	consumption.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1875.

NO.	DATE OF MARR'GE	NAMES GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1		James Kernon, Mary Wood,	36 23	Stoneham Wilmington	Watchman	Ireland	Barney and Anna Kernon
2	Jan. 19.	Edward Buck, Mary E. Eames,	24 21	Wilmington Wilmington	R. R. Freight Conductor	Canada Wilmington	Newhall and Abby Wood, Silas and Harriet Buck
3	Feb. 2.	Sullivan Butters, Sophia Martin,	33 43	Wilmington Charlestown	Farmer	Wilmington Charlestown	N. Bradley and Sarah Eames Oliver and Sarah Butters
4	Mar. 23.	George Bancroft, Julia A. Gowing,	28 21	Woburn Wilmington	Butcher	Woburn Wilmington	William and Maria Howard Hartwell and Mary Bancroft
5	April 25.	R. Clement Eames, Almira E. Carter,	25 24	Wilmington Wilmington	Salesman	Wilmington Lowell, Mass	George and Angelina Gowing Thomas P. and Elena Eames
6	June 2.	Arthur T. Bond, Annie F. Dorr,	22 19	Wilmington Medford	Merchant Baker	Wilmington Medford	Rich E. and Mary B. Carter Thomas D. and Olive T. Bond
7	Dec. 5.	Charles Green, Lottie A. Allen,	22 17	Wilmington Wilmington	Currier	Concord, Mass	James C. and Malvina F. Dorr Reuben and Louisa Green
8	Dec. 5.	Charles E. Taylor, Josie A. Bell,	25 23	Woburn Wilmington	Expressman	Burlington Wilmington	William and May A. Allen Sewall and Sarah E. Taylor
9	Dec. 23.	George F. Dane, Anna M. Harnden.	28 23	Andover Wilmington	R. R. Fore- man	Lowell, Mass Lowell "	Joseph and Elizabeth Bell George A. and Jerusha Dane Edwin and Mary A. Harnden

## Report of the School Committee.

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In reviewing the School Year of 1875-6, we are glad to find that the schools in this town have accomplished to a good degree, that for which they are designed—to soften the manners, to raise the standard of morality and exert a christianizing influence, as well as to impart sound knowledge.

The teachers all seemed interested in their work, and if any of them failed to do all that a teacher may to benefit her school, it was not through want of effort on their part.

At the commencement of the year the Centre School was assigned to Miss Abbie C. Buck, the West to Miss Mary E. Buck and the South to Miss Ella J. Pearson. In the other schools the teachers were the same as the previous year. All the teachers, with one exception, had had more or less experience, and, in general, were well qualified for their tasks. Miss Pearson made her first effort at teaching. Although in the school assigned her there were many obstacles to be overcome, which, in most schools, are not met with, yet she succeeded far better than the Committee might have expected. She secured the good will of her pupils and the respect of their parents. During the Spring Term the school was disturbed somewhat by the ill-conduct of two or three of the larger boys. They were old enough to have acted like young gentlemen had they been accustomed to receive proper training at home. The Committee found it necessary to suspend one of them during a part of the term, the example of which seemed to have a salutary effect upon the school.

While in the various schools there was a satisfactory degree of thoroughness in most of the studies, in the prime branches of reading and spelling there was a manifest deficiency. One or two schools, however, were exceptions. Perhaps this did not

come from any conscious neglect of the teachers, but we fear they did not attach sufficient importance to these studies. It may be that the best methods of instructing in these branches were not adopted by them. No doubt, too, there was lack of proper application by the pupils. There is nothing which should receive more study on the part of the scholar, nor more careful instruction from the teacher, than reading. No acquirement can afford more pleasure than the power of rendering skilfully and intelligently the thoughts of others.

Some statistics concerning the schools are shown in the following

TABLE :

Name of School.	Name of Teacher.	Terms.	No. of Scholars	Average Attendance.	Length of Term.	Wages per Month.
High School.	Miss Hattie E. Abbott,	Spring.	27	25	3 mos.	\$48 00
	“ Ellen E. Chamberlin,	Fall.	27	25	3 “	48 00
	“ “ “	Winter.	28	—	3 “	48 00
East School.	“ Rebecca Eames,	Summer.	32	27	3 “	32 00
	“ “ “	Winter.	31	28	3 3-4 “	32 00
West School.	“ Mary E. Buck,	Summer.	16	13	3 “	32 00
	“ “ “	Winter.	17	14	3 3-4 “	32 00
Centre School.	“ Abbie C. Buck,	Summer.	32	25	3 “	32 00
	“ “ “	Winter.	29	22	3 3-4 “	32 00
North School.	“ Clara Bancroft,	Summer.	24	19	3 “	32 00
	“ “ “	Winter.	23	14	3 3-4 “	32 00
South School.	“ Ella J. Pearson,	Summer.	29	24	3 “	32 00
	“ “ “	Winter.	30	25	3 3-4 “	32 00

## IMPROVEMENTS.

During the year a new school house has been erected in the West District which is well adapted to the wants of the school. The old building which it supersedes had done service for more than a century, and of course a more modern one was much needed.

At the last annual meeting the town made an appropriation for building wells in the various districts for the benefit of the schools, and they have been constructed. Though the fixtures are not so artistic in design as might be desired, the wells add materially to the convenience of the schools.

We desire to call attention to the poor condition of the school grounds in the South District and the necessity of grading them. Their present state is a discredit to the town. It is hoped that before another year passes they will be improved by the Selectmen, or that the funds appropriated for schools will be generous enough to justify the committee in making an outlay for that purpose.

#### HIGH SCHOOL:

The Spring Term of this school was taught by Miss Hattie E. Abbott of Andover. She labored hard to make the school profitable and successful. Under her tutelage the following students completed the course of study and received diplomas: Kate Gowing, Carrie F. Buck, E. Milton Carter, Edward E. Lowe and Fred H. Morris.

Miss Abbott's resignation at the close of the Spring Term necessitated procuring another teacher. This duty was regarded by the committee as an important one and received much care. Miss Ellen E. Chamberlin of St. Johnsbury was engaged to take charge of the school. Miss Chamberlin's natural talents and excellent qualifications enable her to excel as a teacher, and experience has shown us that we were fortunate in our selection. She entered upon her work with zeal, and her efforts have been rewarded by the affection and appreciation of her pupils, and their progress in their studies.

It was thought advisable to make some slight changes in the course of studies to be pursued in this school. It has been arranged as follows:

#### JUNIOR YEAR:

First Term. — Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Writing, Reading and Spelling.

Second Term.—Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Writing, Reading and Spelling.

Third Term.—Arithmetic, Grammar, Physical Geography, Writing, Reading and Spelling.



## MIDDLE YEAR:

First Term.—Arithmetic, Physical Geography, United States History, Writing, Reading and Spelling.

Second Term.—Algebra, Art of Composition, United States History, Writing, Reading and Spelling.

Third Term.—Algebra, English History, Botany, Writing, Reading and Spelling.

## SENIOR YEAR:

First Term.—Algebra, Physiology, Natural Philosophy and Drawing.

Second Term.—Algebra, English Literature, Natural Philosophy and Drawing.

Third Term.—Arithmetic, English Literature, Astronomy and Drawing.

It is apparent that a new High School building is very much needed. This subject is now receiving the consideration of our citizens and it seems to us that the proper time has come in which such an effort may be wisely made. Although we are justly proud of this school, yet, when compared with those of other towns we must acknowledge that it does not take the rank which we wish it might. Unfortunately it is not universally regarded as connected with the highest interests of the town.

Its duration is, in a measure uncertain. If a new building was erected it would not only give prominence, but would make the institution permanent and substantial. Whether it is advisable to combine a town hall and school house in one building is not in our province to consider. We are much in need of public buildings, and a school house is the one which should receive attention first. It is the one which ornaments and gives character to the town. The rise and prosperity of this place depends to a great degree, on the liberal education of those who are to guard its interests in the future. We should show to those who are looking to us for example, our high appreciation of institutions of learning. In no way can we better do this than by

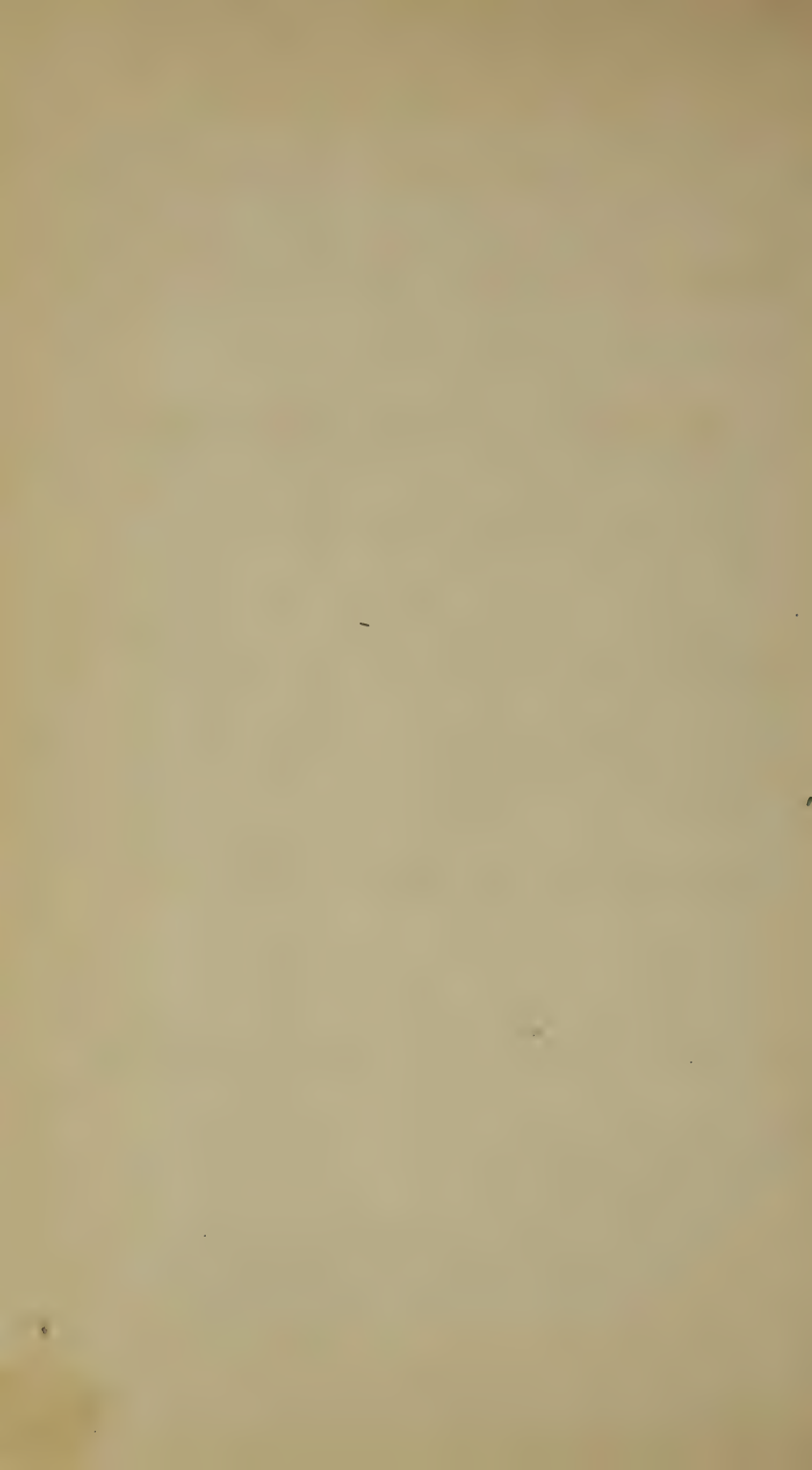
building in our own town a monument to education. It will reward us for our labor and expense by its elevating influences. In it will be symbolled love to our children and good will to generations to come. It is the wisest investment we can make for ourselves and will be the richest gift to bequeath to posterity. It is not enough for us to maintain the standard acquired by our predecessors. For us to labor arduously to advance and raise that standard is an imperative obligation. An old latin proverb says, "Qui non proficit, deficit;" he who does not advance goes backward. Our town is entitled to much credit for what it has already done. No one is disposed to underrate its present attainments. But it should not stand still and it cannot consistently neglect this important step.

In closing this report, we wish to say a word about parental obligations, a hackneyed subject, but one which cannot receive too much notice. Observation has shown us that such a suggestion is nowhere more needed than in our own town. To see that the scholars are making such efforts as they ought to inform themselves as to their rank in scholarship and deportment and to impress upon them the value of their school by showing a deep interest in it themselves, are important duties which parents owe to their sons and daughters.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER W. CLARK,	}	SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
S. SHERBURNE MATHEWS,		
JOHN N. EAMES.		

WILMINGTON, March 1, 1876.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN of WILMINGTON,

FROM FEB. 1, 1876, TO FEB. 1, 1877,

AND

REPORT of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1876—7,

AND ALSO THE

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.



READING :

NEWS AND CHRONICLE JOB PRINT.

1877.





# Town Officers for 1876.



Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS, CHAIRMAN.

EDWARD A. CARTER,

OTIS C. BUCK.

Town Clerk.

WILLIAM H. CARTER,

Town Treasurer.

CYRUS L. CARTER.

School Committee.

WARREN EAMES,

term expires March, 1879

JOHN N. EAMES,

" " " 1878

LEMUEL C. EAMES,

" " " 1877

Trustees of Public Library.

Z. T. WHITE,

term expires March, 1877

LEMUEL C. EAMES,

" " " 1877

CHARLES W. SWAIN,

" " " 1878

CYRUS L. CARTER,

" " " 1878

CHESTER W. CLARK,

" " " 1879

JAMES A. SHEPARD,

" " " 1879

Treasurer and Librarian.

CHARLES W. SWAIN.

Collector of Taxes.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

Constable.

STEPHEN B. BODWELL, Jr.

Special Police.

HENRY BUCK,

A. P. PEARSON,

THOMAS A. BANCROFT.

Auditors of Accounts,

HENRY SHELDON,

LEMUEL C. EAMES,

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

Fence Viewers.

HENRY SHELDON,

NATHAN B. EAMES,

OTIS GOWING

## Sealer of Weights and Measures.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## Surveyors of Lumber,

HENRY SHELDON.      EDWARD A. CARTER,      SILAS BROWN,  
 HENRY L. BANCROFT,      SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## Measurer of Wood and Bark,

EDWARD A. CARTER,      HENRY SHELDON,      Z. T. WHITE,  
 SILAS BROWN,      FRANK H. NICHOLS.

## Public Weigher of Merchandise,

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## Field Drivers.

GEORGE L. TAYLOR,      Z. T. WHITE,      H. ALLEN SHELDON,  
 JAMES FORTIS,      LEVI F. MANNING.

## Pound Keeper.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

## Surveyors of Highways.

DIST. 1. A. P. PEARSONS,	DIST. 7. CHARLES HOPKINS,
2. WILLIAM H. CARTER, 2d.	8. JOHN OWENS,
3. GILLMAN GOWING,	9. ISAAC DAMON,
4. HENRY SHELDON,	10. WILLIAM H. BOUTWELL,
5. OTIS C. BUCK,	11. EDWARD MEARS,
6. EDWARD P. PREBLE,	12. GEORGE MILLEGIN,
13. SYLVESTER CARTER.	

## Superintendent of Almshouse.

JAMES MUNROE.

## List of Jurors as Revised Oct. 20, 1876.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS,	ALANSON JAQUITH,
ELIJAH NORTON,	EDWARD A. CARTER,
DARIUS BUCK,	THOMAS P. EAMES,
WARREN EAMES,	HORACE SHELDON,
CHARLES W. SWAIN,	Z. T. WHITE,
HARRISON A. SHELDON,	CHARLES M. GOWING,
ORTHNIEL EAMES,	EVERALL HARNDEN.

# Report of Selectmen and Assessors.

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## EXPENSE OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Samuel B. Nichols, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	\$100 00
Edward A. Carter, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	80 00
Otis C. Buck, services as Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of the Poor,	75 00
William H. Carter, services as Town Clerk,	15 00
Cyrus L. Carter, services as Town Treasurer,	50 00
Samuel B. Nichols, services as Collector of Taxes,	100 00
Stephen B. Bodwell, jr., services as Constable,	25 00
Henry Buck, services as Police,	2 00
A. P. Pearsons, " " "	2 00
Thomas A. Bancroft, " "	2 00
Warren Eames, services as School Committee,	25 00
John N. Eames, " " " "	25 00
S. S. Mathews, " " " "	
for 1875,	15 00
	<hr/> \$516 00

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The amount expended by the several Surveyors, viz :

By Edward Meares,	\$75 00
Gilman Gowing,	117 03
Edward P. Preble,	83 30
Henry Sheldon,	109 12
Isaac Damon,	100 00
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$484 45

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$484 45
By Otis C. Buck,	123 20
William H. Boutwell,	80 00
George Millegin,	109 87
Sylvester Carter,	89 99
Charles Hopkins,	98 47
A. P. Pearson,	110 17
William H. Carter, 2d,	105 84
John Owens,	89 53
	<hr/> \$1291 52

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid William H. Carter, 2d, repairing culvert near the Buck place,	4 00
Thomas P. Eames, repairing culvert near Hiram Bancrofts,	4 00
Samuel B. Nichols, new culvert near D. Kelly's,	19 83
Everall Harnden, " " " Stockwell's,	16 83
C. L. Carter, extra highway work,	60 25
A. P. Pearsons, repairing culverts,	13 33
Edward Mears, extra highway work,	16 17
Edward A. Carter, railing highway,	37 13
Sylvester Carter, for cedar posts,	18 33
Benjamin Buck, " " "	6 67
Otis C. Buck, extra highway work	5 50
J. A. Ames, for spikes,	1 80
	<hr/> \$203 84

## REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Thomas P. Eames, removing snow in 1875,	\$5 00
George Millegin, " "	6 40
William H. Carter, 2d, " "	2 33
John Owins, " "	10 16
AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	<hr/> \$23 89

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,			\$23 89
Paid Edward Mears,	"	"	1 67
Isaac Damon,	"	"	3 33
Edward P. Preble,	"	"	6 33
Sylvester Carter,	"	"	3 50
Otis C. Buck,	"	"	5 39
Henry Sheldon,	"	"	5 00
			<hr/> \$49 11

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid E. L. Hill, for printing 350 Town Reports, for 1875,	\$50 00
J. N. Eames, for work on school houses,	3 50
Isaac Damon, grading round South School House,	5 00
James B. Nichols, ringing bell for Town pur- poses,	10 00
Town Clerk, for printing,	7 00
Selectmen, blank book and printing,	6 00
Edward M. Nichols, for care Town House,	10 00
George Coles, for labor on Town House,	9 00
Auditor's committee, for 1875,	6 00
Edward A. Carter, for labor on Town House,	2 30
Warren Eames, for damage sustained ; cause defect in highway,	2 50
Samuel B. Nichols, cleaning Town House,	6 86
“ “ “ oil for Town House,	3 65
“ “ “ 1 broom “ “	35
“ “ “ 2 dog screws,	15
“ “ “ returning deaths to Town Clerk,	4 50
Samuel B. Nichols, for repairing fence Centre School yard,	4 00
AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	<hr/> \$130 81



AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$130 81
Paid Samuel B. Nichols, care of Cemetery and writing deed,	20 00
Samuel B. Nichols, the expense of raising and lowering Town Flag,	4 00
Samuel B. Nichols, stationery, postage and express,	10 00
for extra police, public fair day,	14 00
Warren Eames, sundries for schools,	1 25
Town Treasurer, for printing,	4 50
	<hr/> \$184 56

Paid for land to enlarge the Cemetery.

Paid Thomas D. Bond, as per deed,	\$61 12
Warren Eames, " " "	13 70
	<hr/> \$74 82

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### BOOK ACCOUNT.

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SAMUEL B. NICHOLS, AGENT.

1877.

DR.

February, To Books on hand, settlement 1876,	\$76 11
April, 1876, Cash paid Thompson & Brown,	1 80
" " " " " "	25 92
	<hr/> \$103 83

1877.

CR.

By Cash as per Treasurer's receipts,	\$48 17
Book delivered indigent children,	3 99
discount and commission,	7 03
books on hand,	44 64
	<hr/> \$103 83
Feb. 1877, To books on hand at settlement,	44 64

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THEIR LAST ANNUAL MEETING, VIZ :

AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED.

For support of Poor,	\$1400 00
payment of Town Officers,	445 00
Roads and Bridges,	300 00
payment of State Aid,	250 00
miscellaneous expenses,	300 00
interest on town notes,	550 00
Common Schooling,	1000 00
Select Schooling,	550 00
support of Highways,	1500 00
support of Public Library,	100 00
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	\$6395 00

AMOUNTS EXPENDED.

For support of Poor,	\$1378 93
Town Officers,	516 00
Roads and Bridges,	252 95
State Aid,	224 00
miscellaneous expenses,	259 38
interest on town debt,	506 56
Common Schooling,	1127 91
Select Schooling,	532 47
support of Highways,	1291 52
support of Public Library,	50 00
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	\$6139 72

State Tax,	\$540 00
County Tax,	188 46
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	\$728 46

STATE AID.

Paid widow Mary A. Phelps,	48 00
“ Mary A. Chapman,	44 00
“ Eliza J. Upton,	48 00
“ Lavinia J. Blaisdell,	48 00
William R. Butters,	36 00
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	\$224 00

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS, } SELECTMEN AND  
 EDWARD A. CARTER, } ASSESSORS OF  
 OTIS C. BUCK, } WILMINGTON.

VALUATION FOR 1876.

Real Estate,	\$459,306
Personal Estate,	80,700
Total valuation,	<hr/>
	\$540,006

Amount of taxes assessed in 1876, \$7292 75

Rate of taxation for general tax 12 50 per \$1000.

The number of inhabitants according to census May 1, 1876, 890.

# Report of Overseers of the Poor.

## NAMES AND AGES OF INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Registered No.	NAMES.	AGE.	REMARKS.
5	Louis Burt,	72	
7	Fanny Butters,	36	
8	Albert Carter,	57	
10	John Bancroft,	34	
12	Elbridge Butters,	71	
19	Harrison O. Bancroft,	44	Died May 11.
22	Charlotte Butters,	5	
30	Henry B. Stickney,	37	Left April 19.
35	Eva J. Soursby,	22	Admitted Feb. 4. Left Feb. 22.
36	Clarissa Reed,	81	Admitted April 13.
37	Mary E. Bancroft,		Born May 30.
38	Wm. R. Johnson,	29	Admitted June 22.

Whole number during the year, 12

Present number, 9

Three hundred and thirty-four lodgings and seven hundred and seventy-eight meals have been furnished to tramps.

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, FEB. 1, 1877.

Live Stock,	\$238 50
Lot of English Hay,	\$80 00
Meadow Hay,	35 00
Manure,	80 00
	————— \$195 00
Farming tools,	\$253 80
Wood and lumber,	115 00
Household Furniture,	243 92
Provisions,	226 25
Contents of lobby,	13 25
	————— \$1285 72

## EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid A. Ellis, for groceries,	\$141 38
J. A. Ames,       "	163 97
Charles M. Gowing, for meat,	80 66
Warren Eames,       "	15 72
Tucker & Co., for bedsteads, etc.	29 25
Henry Putnam, light wagon,	50 00
J. R. Carrier, crackers,	36 30
Eugene Dejean, tin ware,	4 55
John W. Perry, blacksmith work,	10 44
John A. Taylor, work on farm,	29 50
Dr. J. P. Elliot, professional services,	11 00
Dr. H. Hiller,	1 50
P. Crehan, clothing,	12 40
Samuel B. Nichols, blank book, 4 00 ; set balances, 1 25 ; hand cuffs, 3 00,	8 25
Samuel B. Nichols, car fare pauper to Boston,	50
James Munroe, salary as Superintendent to February 1, 1877,	491 60
interest on \$160. eight months on account horse bought,	6 40
	<hr/> \$1093 42

## JAMES MONROE'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

Paid expense to Lawrence,	50
for fresh fish,	3 53
for soap,	6 40
Johnson Allen for cow,	58 00
Eames Brothers for butchering hogs,	8 00
for boots and shoes,	3 10
for dry goods,	14 19
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AMOUNTS CARRIED FORWARD,	\$93 72—\$1093 42

AMOUNTS BROUGHT FORWARD,		\$93 72—\$1093 42
Paid for milk,		33
railroad freight,		2 17
J. W. Murry, carpenter work,		8 30
for farming tools,		3 40
eggs for setting,		82
seed potatoes and garden seed,		3 25
labor on farm,		19 25
in house,		25 18
doctoring horse,		5 00
onions and cabbage,		2 89
medicine,		1 87
making cider,		3 28
I. E. Morse, for pigs,		13 00
for turkey,		2 25
grinding corn,		20
hard coal,		2 00
sundries,		3 95
J. W. & A. Roberts, 222 lbs. sugar, 8 3-4 cts.		19 43
“ “ “ 25 galls molasses 45 “		11 25
“ “ “ 1 bbl. onions,		1 50
“ “ “ 20 lbs. O. Tea, 40 cts,		8 00
“ “ “ 6 lbs. Japan Tea, 65 cts.		3 90
“ “ “ 23 1-2 lbs. Navy Tobacco		
55 cts,		12 93
“ “ “ 100 lbs. fish,		4 00
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		\$251 87
Total expense at Almshouse.		<hr/> \$1345 29

## OUTSIDE POOR SUPPLIED.

Furnished Mrs. Phebe Valentine, groceries,	\$79 05
“ “ “ “ wood,	12 75
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$91 80



AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD, \$91 80

Paid town of Woburn, supplies furnished Mr.

Olive Tweed, 30 77

S. B. Nichols, burial of G. A. Fortis, 6 00

city of Lawrence aid for Mrs. Martha King, 2 00

for removing Eva Sowersby from Taunton to

Wilmington and back to Taunton State

Lunatic Hospital, 17 10

her board at said hospital in full to Jan. 1, '77, 183 85

L. H. Allen, expense of coffin for Mrs.

Hurbert Gowing's son, in 1874, 6 00

\$337 52

#### CR.

Received cash for cow, \$55 00

potatoes, 65 85

butter, 64 97

calves, 35 50

apples, 13 77

lumber, 33 90

labor, 3 50

milk, 7 58

hay, 10 75

old iron. 3 06

\$293 88

#### SUMMARY EXPENSES.

Total expense at Almshouse, \$1345 29

receipts " 293 88

Net expense at Almshouse, 1051 41

Expense outside " 337 52

\$1388 93

Received of the State for the burial of pauper, 10 00

Net expense of poor inside and outside the Almshouse, \$1378 93

P. S. We would here state that in consequence of some extra expense at our Almshouse, as well as outside the Almshouse viz : Such as paying our Superintendent a higher salary, the purchase of a new light wagon, and substituting iron bedsteads in place of the old wooden ones, together with some misfortunes, such as a partial failure in the crops, especially the potatoe crop ; loss of a valuable horse ; and the necessity of extra help in the house. Also, as you will notice by our report, the paying of two hundred dollars or more to the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton, which is quite an item in our outside supplies, which causes have made the expenses rather to exceed the ordinary expense. But we are happy to say, through the good management of our Superintendent and Matron (Mr. Munroe and wife), who have kept the establishment in perfect order inside and outside and the inmates well cared for, as a careful inspection of the establishment will convince any one, and notwithstanding all, the expense has been kept within the appropriation voted by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS,	} OVERSEERS	
EDWARD A. CARTER,		
OTIS C. BUCK,		
		OF THE
		POOR.

# Public Library.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The following is a list of donations to the Library during the year, in order of date :

From Mrs. Hammond Bancroft,	1 vol.
Sabra G. Jaquith,	3 vols,
Edward Buck,	1 "
Hon. Carroll D. Wright,	6 "
John Eaton,	2 "
C. L. Flint,	25 pamphlet vols,
C. W. Swain,	1 "
Total number of donations,	— 39 vols.
Number of books purchased,	19
" " " for circulation,	835
" " persons taking out books,	229
Whole number taken out during the year,	926

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1876	DR.	
To cash paid for printing,		\$1 75
2 quires of paper,		84
2 brushes,		60
A. Williams & Co., books,		25 50
F. W. Barry, books,		3 30
Librarian's salary,		25 00
Express,		15
Cash to balance,		16 87
		————— \$74 01
1876	CR.	
By Cash from settlement,		\$22 35
Town appropriation in part,		50 00
Fines,		1 66
		————— \$74 01

The sum or twenty five dollars of the town appropriation is reserved for the purpose of putting up additional book shelves and twenty five dollars to pay for binding books.

C. W. SWAIN, Treasurer and Librarian.

A Condensed Abstract from the Town's Books for the year ending February, 1876; C. L. CARTER, Treasurer.

Dr.	CASH.	CONTRA.	Cr.
To balance due on former settlement,			\$3938 20
Cash received of County Treasurer, [dog licenses refunded,	\$1229 63	By Cash paid Town Orders,	506 56
" " Warren Eames, acct. taxes 1872,	99 65	" " interest to sundry parties,	532 47
" " " " " 1873,	36 81	" " " " North " "	217 60
" " " " " 1874,	31 09	" " " " South " "	233 63
" " S. B. Nichols, " " 1874,	239 77	" " " " East " "	227 26
" " " " " 1875,	1005 93	" " " " West " "	230 62
" " " " " 1876,	5560 42	" " " " Centre " "	218 78
" " use of Town Hall,	32 00	" " for books,	27 72
" " Towns note issued,	1000 00	" " T. D. Bond and Warren Eames, for real estate for burial purposes,	74 82
" " on account Almshouse,	10 00	" " town note,	1000 00
" " lots in Cemetery,	15 00	" " County Tax,	188 46
" " Corporation Tax,	4 65	" " State Tax,	540 00
" " National Bank Tax,	86 93	" " on account of Library,	50 00
" " Commonwealth account State Aid,	210 00	" " outstanding indebtedness,	41 07
" " " " School Fund,	221 82	" " " " West School House,	23 88
" " S. B. Nichols, for sale of books,	48 17	Balance carried forward,	1784 78
	<u>\$9825 87</u>		<u>\$9825 87</u>
1877. To balance brought forward,	\$1784 78		

The undersigned, a committee chosen on the part of the Town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing is correctly cast and properly vouched for, and they find remaining in the treasury seventeen hundred and eighty-four dollars and seventy-eight cents.

L. C. EAMES,  
WILLIAM H. CARTER,  
HENRY SHELDON, } COMMITTEE.

WILMINGTON, February 10, 1877.

## Liabilities of the Town.

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Note to H. L. Carter,	May 1, 1877,	\$1500 00
Benjamin Buck,	" " "	3000 00
Otis C. Buck,	" " "	1000 00
L. C. Eames,	" " "	1000 00
Darius Buck,	Oct. 1, 1872,	1100 00
H. M. Eames, Trustee,	May 1, 1877,	101 25
		<hr/> \$7701 25
Interest accrued to Feb. 1, 1877,		319 04
Due West School,		\$49 56
East    "		89 87
North   "		91 76
South   "		39 83
Centre   "		54 60
High    "		282 20
Library,		50 00
Outstanding due to sundry parties,		55 78
		<hr/> \$713 60
		<hr/> \$8733 89

## ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	\$1784 78
Due on taxes, 1873, W. Eames, Col.,	17 34
"       "    1874, S. B. Nichols, Col.,	1 76
"       "    1875,           "       "	474 31
"       "    1876,           "       "	1756 73
Advances on account of State Aid,	228 00
	<hr/> \$4262 92
Net indebtedness of the town,	<hr/> \$4470 97



## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm,	\$4000 00
Personal property at town farm,	1285 72
Town House,	1800 00
School Houses and furniture,	6800 00
Town Scales and Sealer's office,	250 00
Two Hearses,	350 00
Hearse House,	100 00
Cemetery, land and lots,	200 00
Furniture in Town Hall and Selectmen's offices,	90 00
Public Library and furniture,	1000 00
	—————\$15,875 72

LEMUEL C. EAMES,  
 WILLIAM H. CARTER, } AUDITORS.  
 HENRY SHELDON,

# Statistics from Town Clerk's Records.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1876.

NO.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	DATE OF BIRTH.
1	Arthur B. White,	Zeband T. and Lydia J. White,	January 29, 1876.
2	Ada M. Sidelinker,	George W. and Mary A. Sidelinker,	February 1, 1876.
3	Charles J. Elliott,	James P. and Kate E. Elliott,	February 17, 1876.
4	Leona B. Carter,	William W. and Henrietta V. Carter,	March 2, 1876.
5	Edward McAdams,	Patrick and Margaret McAdams,	March 27, 1876.
6	* Mary E. Bancroft,	Harrison O. Bancroft and Fanny Butters	May 30, 1876.
7	Lizzie Baxter,	James A. and Jane Baxter,	June 3, 1876.
8	Fred B. Perry,	John W. and Olive A. Perry,	June 18, 1876.
9	Arthur W. Davis,	Frank E. and Addie E. Davis,	June 28, 1876.
10	Michael H. Doyle,	James and Kate Doyle,	August 9, 1876.
11	George A. Milligan,	George M. and Mary E. Milligan,	September 4, 1876.
12	Mary E. Lynch,	William and Mary C. Lynch,	September 11, 1876.
13	Margaret Lynch,	William and Mary C. Lynch,	September 11, 1876.
14	Hugh Leonard,	John and Margaret Leonard,	October 1, 1876.
15	Charles F. Perry,	Benjamin F. and Valaine M. Perry,	October 2, 1876.
16	* Harry D. Winton,	David Winton and Frances E. Pearson,	October 18, 1876.
17	Minnie C. Pearson,	Charles O. and Abbie C. Pearson,	November 18, 1876.
18	Jennie E. Greenleaf,	Benjamin and Olive C. Greenleaf.	December 14, 1876.

\* Born out of Wedlock.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1876.

NO	DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.		CON-DITION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF PARENTS.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Y.	M. D.				
1	Jan. 30.	Catherine Jones,	83		widow,	Wilmington,	Edward and May Beard,	old age.
2	Jan. 31.	Hannah M. Carter,	44		married,	No. Reading,	James H. and Hannah M. Eames,	consumption.
3	3.	Betsey W. Manning,	70	5 8	"	Brentwood, N.H.	Reuben and Betsey W. Smith,	dropsy.
4	April 17	Ella J. Taylor,	1	3 5	single,	Wilmington,	Charles A. and Susan Taylor,	drowning.
5	April 17	Aldice W. Buck,	4	10 16	"	"	Charles and Susan S. Buck,	diphtheria.
6	April 21.	Charles W. Buck,	4	9	"	"	"	diphtheria
7	May 11.	H. Orn Bancroft,	43		"	"	Harrison and Hepsibah Bancroft,	heart disease.
8	June 3.	Florence M. Lowe,	4	11 1	"	"	Timothy and Mary S. Lowe,	scarlet fever.
9	June 5.	Ada F. Frost,	4	10 14	"	"	Wm. A. and Phebe E. Frost,	scarlet fever.
10	June 17.	George A. Fortis,	2	4 21	"	"	Geo. A. Fortis and May Butters,	disease of brain.
11	July 14.	Raymond W. Eames,	7	7 21	"	"	Warren and Elizabeth A. Eames	teething.
12	July 17.	Adeline Orcott,	35		married,	Georgia,	A. Hix, not known,	liver complaint.
13	Aug. 15.	Owen M. Spaulding,	15	5	single,	Woburn, Mass.	George W. and Sarah E. Spaulding	drowning.
14	Oct. 30.	Mary E. Taylor,	29	8	married,	Wilmington,	James and Mary Ann Hall,	typhoid fever.
15	Nov. 21.	Susannah C. Simonds	84	10 8	widow,	Woburn, Mass.	John and Susan N. Converse,	paralysis.
16	Dec. 18.	Bridget Kernon,	55		married,	Ireland,	Patrick and Catherine McAnane,	lung fever.
17	Dec. 31.	Jennie E. Greenleaf,	82	10 17	single,	Wilmington,	Benjamin and Olivia C. Greenleaf,	lung fever.
18	Dec. 31.	Eliza E. Allen,	82	10 17	widow,	Wrentham,	Joel and Elona P. Ruggles,	palsy and old age

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1876.

NO	DATE OF MARR'GE	NAMES GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1	Jan. 4	Levi W. Swain, Mary E. Buck,	22 21	Wilmington.	Butcher,	Wilmington,	Levi jr. and Louisa Swain, Nathan E. and Elvira Buck,
2	Jan. 6	Henry L. Carter, Lottie A. Bird,	24 25	"	Butcher,	"	Jonathan L. and Mary G. Carter, Elijah and Martha J. Bird,
3	Jan. 26	Clark M. Manning, Lydia A. Boutwell,	32 29	Burlington.	Farmer,	Boston,	Wm. and Elizabeth Manning, Wm. and Mary Boutwell,
4	May 4	Herbert E. Nichols, Clara E. Swain,	22 21	Wilmington.	Milk Mer- chant	Wilmington,	John B. and Caroline E. Nichols, Levi jr. and Louisa Swain,
5	Oct. 4	George W. Woodin, Theresa E. S. Whittaker,	24 23	"	Cooper,	Pictou, N. S.	Charles M. and Jennett Woodin, Phillip G. S. and Henrietta E. Whittaker
6	Oct. 31	George E. Carter, Mary A. Gowing,	21 19	"	Butcher.	Fort Hamilton,	Jonathan L. and May G. Carter, George and Angelina Gowing,
7	Oct. 21	William W. Carter, Sarah L. Fortis,	30 23	"	Farmer,	"	Otis and Abby A. Carter, Wm. and Mary A. Fortis.

WILLIAM H. CARTER, TOWN CLERK.

## School Report.

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The completion of the school-year affords us an opportunity for review, that we may ascertain what progress has been made and what methods are necessary for the future prosperity of our schools.

While we rejoice over all the good which has been accomplished, still we cannot deny that there are grave defects in our present system of education. The question now presents itself how are these defects to be remedied? There are plenty of fine theories upon the subject but when put to test most of them are powerless for the work intended. What we need most of all is to employ those teachers who are actuated by a sincere enthusiasm in their work and who feel that the position is an honorable one only so far as they discharge their duties faithfully; added to this should be the cooperation of the parents, without which the Committee are powerless, and the teachers "labor in vain and spend their strength for naught." In the Teacher's Directory we find the following suggestions which we deem worthy of repetition and which all educators of the young will do well to read and ponder. "1. A worthy and aspiring character is of more importance in human life than the highest triumphs of the mind if the two are to be separated. Let the teacher therefore, solemnly and constantly hold this truth in view, impress it on the minds of the scholars and make the school a training field for the achievement of moral as well as intellectual successes. 2. There is no place where the real character shows itself more than in the school-room and it behooves the teacher to be of such a spirit that all her instincts and impulses shall be pure and true. 3. Manners are of so much importance as to have been characterized as minor morals. That only is a good school, therefore, in which the teacher uniformly setting an attractive *example* of refined and graceful demeanor, rigidly insists on good manners in the scholars, reproofing every instance of unbecom-



ing behavior." These we consider the indispensable ground work of true success. There is a tendency in our schools to go too fast, to measure the improvement by pages passed over, rather than by the attainment of real knowledge. It is one thing to repeat a rule, but quite another to be able to make a practical application of that rule.

This superficial way of doing things we have alluded to in previous reports ; but the necessity of thorough work was never more apparent than at the examination of candidates for admission to the high school. Only three out of fourteen applicants were admitted, without conditions, in some one or more studies. The fault of which we speak is to be found in our common schools. Thorough, practical drilling in the elementary branches *there*, will exert a beneficial influence, and aid in making a high school *worthy* the name. No doubt the three-term system, if adopted in our schools, would be a step in the right direction.

Truancy.—There have been several instances the past year where children have absented themselves from school nearly the entire term and others, have not attended school at all. The law relating to school attendance is before us,\* and we believe our legislature had the good of the community in view in its enactment. Compulsory education may have a harsh sound to some ears, but when milder measures fail the law says *shall*, and every tax-payer has a right to demand as an equivalent for the money paid, that all children attend school the time required by law. We hear complaints from various sources, of disgraceful behavior on the part of some of the youth of our town. And of *whom* are these complaints made? Are they not of a class of boys who have grown up outside our schoolroom under the "let alone policy" ; and now we are beginning to reap the harvest. When we remember that the fabric of our government rests upon the support of all our citizens and that the ignorant and vicious have equal political power with the wise and good, we feel the necessity of bringing all our youth within the reach of good influences.

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\* Laws in regard to this subject on page 25.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Name of School	Name of Teacher.	Terms	No. of Scholars	Average Attendance.	No. under 5 yrs	No. over 15 yrs	No. not tardy.	No. not absent.	Length of term.	Wages per Month.
High	Miss Salome G. Twitchell,	Spr	25	23.	0	13	9	4	3 mos	\$48 00
		Fall	25	23.	0	5	12	7	3	48 00
		Win	22	18.	0	7	10	3	3	48 00
East	Rebecca Eames, Mary L. Batchelder,	Sum	28	24.5	0	0	23	5	3	32 00
		Win	24	19.37	0	0	9	3	4	28 00
		Sum	22	18.6	0	0	19	8	3	28 00
Centre	Kate Gowing,	Win	24	19.2	0	0	23	4	4	28 00
		Sum	20	16.5	1	0	19	5	3	28 00
		Win	19	14.8	0	0	18	3	4	28 00
West	Lizzie J. Harnden,	Sum	49	37.5	1	0	23	3	2 1-2	28 00
		Win	52	37.5	1	0	12	0	4 1-2	28 00
		Sum	30	24.	0	2	7	5	3	32 00
North	Ella J. Pearson,	Win	29	24.	0	2	12	0	3	32 00
		Win	29	24.	0	2	12	0	3	32 00
South	Jessie A. Upton,	Sum	30	24.	0	2	7	5	3	32 00
		Win	29	24.	0	2	12	0	3	32 00

As will be seen by the above table, with two exceptions we have employed our own teachers. Three of them are graduates of our High School. While a greater degree of success has attended the labors of some than others, yet in all some improvement has been made.

Our young teachers have manifested a willingness to follow the suggestions of the committee, and the work performed by them has been creditable to themselves, and leads us to hope for still better things in the future.

In the North, and more especially in the South School, the teacher's usefulness was hindered by influences outside the school-room.

The reading in the West and Centre Schools was worthy of special commendation. We hope all our teachers will give this important branch of study that attention which it claims.

Miss Rebecca Eames resigned her position after the close of the summer term. She has ever striven to lead her pupils onward, continually stimulating them to attain the greatest proficiency in every branch of study. The committee, and we feel sure the East District, will not soon forget her faithful labors so long continued.

High School.—This school has been under the tuition of Miss S. G. Twitchell during the year. She is eminently qualified for the position, being possessed of fine literary qualifications, a good tact for teaching and governing, and what we regard as of most importance, a good moral influence. She has done much towards elevating the character of the school. Under her instruction the following pupils completed the course of study and received diplomas:—

Ada D. Buck, Ida E. Eames, H. Ida Perry, Mary A. Sheldon, Sydney C. Buck, Charles Edwin Carter, Eugene A. Carter, Frank Hamlin, Charles E. McIntosh, H. Clifford Pearson.

We feel sure that a well regulated high school is in the line of true economy and bespeak for it not only the pecuniary, but the moral support of all good citizens. We sincerely hope the town will see the propriety of providing a building to be used *exclusively* for school purposes. Such a building as will be an ornament to our town and one we can point at and say to the passer-by,—*There* is what we think of the education of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN EAMES,	} SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
JOHN N. EAMES,	
LEMUEL C. EAMES,	

WILMINGTON, Feb. 16, 1877.



\* [Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, at least twenty weeks ; which time shall be divided into two terms each of ten consecutive weeks so far as the arrangement of school terms will allow ; and for every neglect of such duty the party offending shall forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars ; but if the party so neglecting, was not able, by reason of poverty, to send such child to school, or such child has attended a private day school, approved by

the school committee of such city or town for a like period of time ; or is regularly attending a public or private day school, known as a half-time school, also approved by them, or that such child has been otherwise furnished with the means of education for a like period of time, or has already acquired the branches of learning taught in the public schools ; or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, the penalty before mentioned shall not be incurred: *provided*, that no objection shall be made by the school committee to any such school on account of the religious teaching in said school.]

[SECT. 2. The truant officers and the school committee of the several cities and towns shall vigilantly inquire into all cases of neglect of the duty prescribed in the preceding section, and ascertain the reasons if any therefore ; and such truant officers, or any of them, shall, when so directed by the school committee, prosecute, in the name of the city or town, any person liable to the penalty provided for in the preceding section.]



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## MIDDLESEX, ss.

*To Stephen B. Bodwell, jr., Constable of the Town of Wilmington.*

### GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the town house, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the Polls to be opened at eleven o'clock, A. M., to act on the following Articles, viz :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at the said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear reports of Committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see how much money the Town will raise to defray annual expenses, and pay town debts.

ART. 5. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of Common Schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Select School for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept as a town road the Lane or branch road leading from the main highway to the house of Daniel R. Upton.

ART. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

ART. 10. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of Taxes.



ART. 11. To see if the Town will make any alteration in their Town House for the better accommodation of the Select School, if so, to take all further necessary action to accomplish the same.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the painting of the north School House.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will appropriate one hundred and sixty dollars for the purchase of a Road Scraper.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate seventy five-dollars for the decoration of soldiers' graves in May next.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will build a well at the fork of the roads near the house of Charles A. Mellen.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D., eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS,	}	SELECTMEN
EDWARD A. CARTER,		OF
OTIS C. BUCK,		WILMINGTON.

A true copy,—Attest :

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

*From Feb. 1, 1877, to Feb. 1, 1878,*

— AND —

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1877-78

AND ALSO THE

Report of the Librarian.

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READING:  
NEWS AND CHRONICLE JOB PRINT,  
1878.



# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1877.

## *Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

EDWARD A. CARTER, CHAIRMAN.

NATHAN B. EAMES,

OTIS C. BUCK.

### *Town Clerk.*

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

### *Town Treasurer.*

CYRUS L. CARTER.

### *School Committee.*

JAMES A. SHEPARD,  
WARREN EAMES,  
JOHN N. EAMES,

term expires March,	1880
" " "	1879
" " "	1878

### *Trustees of Public Library.*

HENRY HILLER,  
LEMUEL C. EAMES,  
CHESTER W. CLARK,  
JAMES A. SHEPARD,  
CHARLES W. SWAIN,  
CYRUS L. CARTER,

term expires March,	1880
" " "	1880
" " "	1879
" " "	1879
" " "	1878
" " "	1878

### *Treasurer and Librarian.*

CHARLES W. SWAIN.

### *Collector of Taxes.*

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

### *Constable.*

THOMAS A. BANCROFT.

### *Special Police.*

LEVI SWAIN Jr.,

OTHNIEL EAMES.

### *Auditors of Accounts.*

CHARLES W. SWAIN.

HENRY HILLER.

HENRY SHELDON.

### *Fence Viewers.*

HENRY SHELDON.

NATHAN B. EAMES,

OTIS GOWING.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

Z. T. WHITE,	SILAS BROWN,	HENRY SHELDON,
EDWARD A. CARTER,	FRANK H. NICHOLS.	

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

Z. T. WHITE,	FRANK H. NICHOLS,	HENRY SHELDON,
SILAS BROWN,	EDWARD A. CARTER.	

*Public Weigher of Merchandise.*

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS

*Field Drivers.*

A. PORTER PEARSON,	THOMAS A. BANCROFT,	JAMES A. SHEPARD.
CHARLES H. HOPKINS,	GEORGE W. McINTOSH.	

*Pound Keeper.*

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

*Surveyors of Highways.*

LEVI SWAIN Jr.,	SIMEON JAQUITH, 2d,
WM. H. CARTER, 2d.	HIRAM BANCROFT,
JONA L. CARTER,	ISAAC DAMON
DARIUS BUCK,	WM. H. BOUTWELL,
J. OTIS JAQUITH,	EDWARD MEARS,
ELBRIDGE TAYLOR,	GEORGE MILLIGEN,
SYLVESTER CARTER.	

*Superintendent of Almshouse.*

J. A. FULLER.

*List of Jurors Revised in Oct. 1877.*

JONATHAN CARTER,	WM. H. BOUTWELL,
GILMAN GOWING.	OTHNIEL EAMES,
EVERELL HARNDEN,	THOMAS P. EAMES.
DARIUS BUCK,	CHARLES W. SWAIN,
WARREN EAMES,	Z. T. WHITE,
CHARLES M. GOWING,	EDWARD A. CARTER,
HENRY W. EAMES,	JONATHAN B. MORRIS.

*Superintendent of Cemetery.*

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

Paid County Treasurer \$97.20 Dog License money in 1877.

WM. H. CARTER, Town Clerk.



## REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

### EXPENSE OF TOWN OFFICERS:

Paid Edward A. Carter, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	\$100 00	
N. B. Eames, services as Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of the Poor,	80 00	
Otis C. Buck, services as Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of the Poor,	80 00	
William H. Carter, services as Town Clerk,	15 00	
Cyrus L. Carter, services as Town Treasurer,	50 00	
Samuel B. Nichols, services as Collector of Taxes,	100 00	
Thomas A. Bancroft, services as Constable,	25 00	
John N. Eames, services as School Com- mittee,	30 00	
Warren Eames, " " "	18 00	
J. A. Shepard, " " "	15 00	
		\$513 00

### REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS:

The amount expended by the several Surveyors, viz :

By George Milligen,	95 00	
Hiram Bancroft,	70 40	
William H. Boutwell,	74 66	
William H. Carter, 2d,	94 91	
Simeon Jaquith, 2d,	93 83	
Levi Swain, Jr.,	106 02	
Darius Buck,	115 33	
J. L. Carter,	115 00	
Isaac Damon,	92 44	
Edward Mears,	68 25	
AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$925 84	

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$925 84
J. O. Jaquith,	115 00
Sylvester Carter,	80 88
Elbridge Taylor,	71 70
Henry Sheldon, (in 1876),	15 88
Gilman Gowing,       “	8 50
	<hr/> \$1217 80

## ROAD SCRAPER :

Paid James F. Brooks, for road Scraper,	150 00
E. A. Carter, freight on Road Scraper,	5 90
	<hr/> \$155 90

## ROADS AND BRIDGES :

Paid Joshua Gowing, cutting brush,	4 00
O. C. Buck, extra highway work,	11 29
N. B. Eames,       “       “       “	21 32
W. H. Carter, 2d, teaming stone for Bell Bridge,	3 00
W. H. Boutwell, repairing bridge near his place,	8 92
Henry Sheldon, for rails and posts,	3 00
Rich Carter,       “       “	6 30
E. A. Carter, for extra highway work,	7 00
J. A. Ames, for spikes,	80
Joshua Gowing, Jr., for building new culvert,	15 00
Charles Hopkins,       “       “       “       “	15 00
Timothy Doucett, removing stone,	10 00
A. L. Brooks & Co., lumber for bridge,	13 44
John W. Perry, for repairs on road scraper,	1 25
	<hr/> \$120 32

## REMOVING SNOW :

Paid Henry Sheldon, for removing snow in 1876-7,	22 49
Gilman Gowing,       “	26 50

AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$48 99
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AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$48 99
Sylvester Carter, for removing snow in 1876-7,	8 08
Edward P. Preble,	10 25
William H. Boutwell,	6 25
A. P. Pearson	17 00
Edward Mears,	22 83
Isaac Damon,	8 50
O. C. Buck,	13 66
Charles Hopkins,	11 00
William H. Carter, 2d,	10 50
George Milligen	7 83
	<hr/> \$164 89

## BUILDING NEW ROAD:

Expense of building new road in the East part of the Town and railing a portion of the same,	1088 13
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## DECORATION DAY:

Paid Wilmington Brass Band,	40 00
Dr. Barrows, for delivering oration,	10 00
Circulars and flags,	8 40
	<hr/> \$58 40

## CEMETERY:

Expense of laying out and fencing the new Cemetery and a portion of the old:

Paid for lumber,	148 54
for labor,	161 80
	<hr/> \$310 34

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:

Paid Hill & Co., for printing 350 Town Reports,	50 00
“ “ “ “ “ 100 posters,	2 00
Chester W. Clark, for legal services,	52 65
J. A. Ames, for lead and oil for North School House,	9 48
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$114 13

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$114 13
Charles W. Badger, lead and oil for North School House,	22 49
J. F. Buck, for painting North School House,	20 00
Samuel B. Nichols, oil for Town House,	60
“ 1 dozen screws,	8
“ 1 doz. large lamp chimneys,	25
“ writing paper,	85
“ matches,	10
“ express on books	40
“ returning deaths to Town Clerk,	2 50
“ care of Cemetery,	10 00
“ 1 pair of shafts for hearse,	5 00
J. A. Shepard, for care of Town House,	10 00
“ ringing bell,	5 00
“ cleaning Town House,	7 50
“ care of Town Hall for dances and shows,	6 50
“ sawing wood,	1 00
Paid James A. Bancroft, for Drawing Plan of Old Cemetery and attending court at Lowell	10 15
Henry Buck, for one pair of hand cuffs and posting bills	5 75
Rich Carter, for attending court at Lowell	2 25
Isaac Damon, “ “ “	2 25
Edward M. Nichols, “ “ “	2 25
Edward M. Nichols, for making and lettering guide boards	5 00
N. B. Eames, one post and erecting guide boards	1 25
E. A. Carter, making and lettering guide board	1 25
AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$237 55

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$237 55
E. A. Carter, Register of voters	80
“ “ Tax book for collector	1 00
“ “ freight on oil and lead	25
“ “ stationary, postage and express	2 55
“ “ car fare out of Town	1 60
“ “ labor and material for hay scales	1 50
N. B. Eames, two journeys out of Town	2 00
“ one cord of wood, for Town house,	4 00
O. C. Buck, grading around pump	1 20
“ “ car fare out of Town	4 40
“ “ one day's work in Old Cemetery	1 50
Cyrus L. Carter, recording deeds and stationary	4 10
Stephen B. Bodwell one pair of hand cuffs	4 00
“ one badge	2 75
“ printing hand bills	2 00
J. C. Whitcher, lumber for hay scales	4 00
William H. Carter, 2d., teaming lumber for hay scales	2 00
N. E. Buck, zinc and stove leg	1 82
Auditing committee for 1876	6 00
John L. Parker, 650 tax bills	4 00
J. S. Philbrick, whitening Town Hall	15 00
William H. Carter, for express matter	2 25
“ dog license blanks	1 25
“ stationary	1 00
“ postage	75
“ qualifying representative to General Court,	2 00
William H. Carter, for making returns of 18 Births, 10 Deaths, 7 Marriages to the Secretary of the Commonwealth	13 55
	<hr/> \$324 82



## BOOK ACCOUNT.

WARREN FAMES, AGENT.

1877.

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February, To Books at settlement,	\$44 64
"    Cash paid J. L. Hammitt & Co.,	27 47
"        "        "	12 26

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\$84 37

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By Books delivered indigent children,	\$1 23
Commission on sales,	4 00
Cash,	40 77
Books on hand,	38 37

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\$84 37

Feb. 1878, To books on hand at settlement,	38 37
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## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THEIR LAST ANNUAL MEETING, VIZ :

## AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED

## AMOUNTS EXPENDED.

For support of Poor,	\$1400 00	For support of Poor,	\$1242 01
Payment of Town Officers,	500 00	Town Officers,	513 00
Support of Highways,	1500 00	Support of Highways,	1538 59
Roads and Bridges,	300 00	Roads and Bridges,	120 32
Miscellaneous	275 00	Miscellaneous Expenses,	324 82
Interest on Town Notes,	450 00	Interest on Town Notes,	479 13
Payment of State Aid	225 00	State Aid,	88 00
Common Schools,	1000 00	Common Schools,	970 69
Select Schools,	550 00	Select School,	597 93
Support of Public Library,	100 00	Support of Public Library,	100 00
Decoration of Soldiers Graves,	75 00	Decorating Soldiers' Graves,	58 40
For Cemetery,	300 00	For Cemetery,	310 34
	<hr/> \$6675 00		<hr/> \$6343 23

State Tax,	\$450 00
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County Tax,	263 85
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\$713 85

## STATE AID.

Paid widow Ambrose Upton,	12 00	
" L. J. Blaisdell,	12 00	
" Mary A. Phelps,	48 00	
" Phebe Simpson,	4 00	
W. R. Butters,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$88 00

## VALUATION FOR 1877.

Real Estate,	\$479.970	
Personal Estate,	87.461	
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Total valuation,	\$567.431	
Amount of taxes assessed in 1877,		\$7388 85
Rate of taxation for general tax, \$12.50 per \$1000.		

## ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

For 1875, Samuel B. Nichols, collector,	\$4 00	
1876, " "	33 90	
1876 & 1877, " "	10 81	
1877, " "	23 07	
	<hr/>	\$71 78

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm,	\$4000 00
Personal property at Town Farm,	1363 78
Town House,	1800 00
School Houses and furniture,	6800 00
Town scales and Sealer's office,	250 00
Two hearses,	350 00
Hearse house,	100 00
Cemetery land and lots,	600 00
Furniture in Town Hall and Selectmens' offices,	90 00
Public Library and furniture,	1000 00
Fence boards,	5 00
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	\$16,358 78

EDWARD A. CARTER,	} SELECTMEN AND
NATHAN B. EAMES,	
OTIS C. BUCK,	
	ASSESSORS OF
	WILMINGTON.

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## NAMES AND AGES OF INMATES OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

Registered No.	NAMES.	AGE.	REMARKS.
5	Louisa Burt,	73	
7	Fanny Butters,	37	
8	Albert Carter,	58	
10	John Bancroft,	35	
12	Elbridge Butters,	72	
36	Clarrisa Reed,	82	
22	Charlotte Butters,	6	Left January 8, 1878.
37	Mary E. Bancroft,	1	Left September 24, 1877.

Whole number during the year, 8

Present number, 6

Five hundred and three lodgings and eleven hundred and seventy-five meals have been furnished to tramps.

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, FEB. 1, 1878.

Live Stock,	\$434 00
Lot of English Hay,	100 00
Meadow Hay,	30 00
Manure,	100 00
Farming tools,	262 50
Wood and Lumber,	73 00
Household Furniture,	250 58
Provisions,	106 20
Contents of Lobby,	12 50
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	\$1368 78

## EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid A. Ellis, for groceries and grain,	\$171 25
J. A. Ames                   “	117 02
Jonathan Carter,       “	165 95
C. M. Gowing, for meat,	78 91
Warren Eames,       “	46 17
J. R. Currier, for crackers,	36 00
R. B. Wright, for horse,	125 00
J. Low, for cow,	30 25
Dr. J. P. Elliott, for professional services,	1 75
E. A. Carter, car fare to Boston and back,	1 00
James Munroe, salary two months,	83 34
J. A. Fuller, salary ten months,	250 00
Interest on \$160 two months, on account of	
Horse bought,	1 60
	<hr/> \$1108 24

## JAMES MUNROE'S ACCOUNT AT ALMS HOUSE.

Paid for fish,	\$1 50
repairing harness,	15
medicine,	85
Thompson, for cushion,	3 00
	<hr/> \$5 50

## J. A. FULLER'S ACCOUNT AT ALMS HOUSE.

Paid for fish,	\$7 01
seed grain,	7 10
fertilizer,	11 75
soap,	4 60
groceries,	7 75
dry goods,	25 87
farming tools,	2 00
sundries,	4 00
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AMOUNT CARRIED FORWARD,	\$70 08

AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD,	\$70 08
Paid John W. Perry, blacksmith work,	5 10
George L. Perry, "	4 55
for turkey and squash,	2 78
house paper,	4 45
E. M. Nichols, hanging paper,	1 50
I. E. Morse, for pigs,	20 00
" 3 pecks of potatoes,	1 00
" paint,	3 50
" wagon to Boston,	50
stove back and hoe,	2 00
Horace Sheldon, for pigs,	7 25
Charles W. Swain, "	8 00
car fare and freight,	3 85
Eames Brothers, for butchering hogs,	7 00
for tin ware,	1 85
medicine,	1 06
mending shoes,	30
vinegar,	2 80
vegetables,	60
fowls,	1 80
material for repairs,	3 22
horse keeping,	50
18 pounds of lamb,	1 08
grinding corn,	50
	<hr/> \$155 27

## OUTSIDE POOR SUPPLIED.

Paid for supplies furnished Eldad Butters,	\$5 13
Dr. J. P. Elliott, medical services at Eldad Butters',	5 50
Board for Eva Sowersby, at Taunton and Worcester Lunatic Hospitals,	200 28
supplies furnished Mrs. Jas. W. Swain,	3 00
	<hr/> \$213 91
Total expense at almshouse,	<hr/> \$1269 01



## RECEIPTS AT ALMS HOUSE.

Received for calves,	\$41 00	
from travellers,	2 35	
for old junk,	48	
potatoes,	8 85	
milk,	11 81	
doves,	3 30	
butter,	59 81	
pork,	106 06	
Received as per Supt. James Munroe's account		
for apples sold,	6 75	
lumber,	50	
	<u>        </u>	\$240 91

## SUMMARY EXPENSES.

Total expense at Almshouse,	\$1269 01	
receipts,           “	240 91	
	<u>        </u>	
Net expense at almshouse,	\$1028 10	
Expense outside,	213 91	
	<u>        </u>	
Total expense of poor inside and outside almshouse,		\$1242 01

EDWARD A. CARTER,	} OVERSEERS	
NATHAN B. EAMES,		OF THE
OTIS C. BUCK,		

# PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The donations to the Library during the year  
1877-8 have been as follows. in order of date:

From Mrs. J. A. Ames,	2 vol.
A. Crosby,	6 "
Edward A. Carter,	3 "
Hon. B. F. Butler,	10 "
Miss Sabra Carter,	1 "
Hon. John Eaton,	3 pamphlets, 3 "
Total number of donations,	25 vols.
Number of books purchased,	48
" for circulation,	908
" persons taking out books,	262
Whole number taken out during the year,	1750

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

• 1877	DR.
To cash paid G. W. Horton for Book shelves,	25 00
F. W. Barry, books,	12 00
J. W. Ripley, binding books,	23 05
paper for book covers,	2 55
frame for Town map,	1 06
J. Carter, for lamp burners,	84
Express fees,	2 35
Mucilage,	20
Journal of Chemistry,	2 00
F. W. Barry, books,	45 99
for marking,	80
Librarian's salary,	25 00
Extra labor,	5 00
History of Reading,	1 00
Cash to balance.	20 31
	————— \$167 15

1877

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By Cash from settlement of town Treasurer,	16 87
“ balance 1876,	50 00
Town appropriation 1877,	100 00
Waste paper,	28
	———— \$167 15

CHARLES W. SWAIN, *Treasurer and Librarian.*

# A Condensed Abstract from the Town's Books for the year ending February 1, 1878; C. L. CARTER, Treasurer.

DR.

CASH.

CONTRA.

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To balance due on former settlement,	\$1784 78	By cash paid Town orders,	\$5426 50
Cash received for dog licenses (refunded)	82 65	" sundry bills for High School,	597 93
" of Warren Eames, collector,	14 34	" " North "	189 41
" S. B. Nichols, acct. taxes, 1874,	1 76	" " South "	217 55
" " " 1875,	474 31	" " East "	197 63
" " " 1876,	1814 00	" " West "	186 54
" " " 1877,	5100 00	" " Centre "	179 56
" J. A. Shepard, use of Town Hall,	28 50	" for books,	39 73
" for Town's note issued.	1500 00	" Town's note,	1500 00
" Lot in Cemetery,	6 00	" County tax,	263 85
" of Commonwealth corporation tax,	4 92	" State tax,	450 00
" " National Bank tax,	76 79	" on account of Library,	100 00
" " account State Aid,	228 00	" outstanding indebtedness,	50 00
" " " School Fund,	218 92	" interest on Town's indebtedness,	479 13
" on account Almshouse (refunded)	1 20	" School Committee,	23 65
" for lumber from Cemetery enlargement,	5 36	" Balance carried forward	1440 05
	<u>\$11,341 53</u>		<u>\$11,341 53</u>
To balance brought forward,	\$1440 05		

The undersigned, a committee chosen on the part of the Town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly and properly vouched for, and they find remaining in the treasury fourteen hundred and forty dollars and five cents.

WILMINGTON, February 2, 1878.

To this balance of

should be added the amount paid by Warren Eames on account of books sold, which was omitted to be credited before closing the books,

CHARLES W. SWAIN }  
HENRY SHELDON, } COMMITTEE.  
HENRY HILLER, }

\$1440 05

40 77

Actual balance,

\$1480 82

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

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Note to H. L. Carter,	May 1, 1877,	\$1500 00
Benjamin Buck,	"	3000 00
Otis C. Buck,	"	1000 00
L. C. Eames,	"	1000 00
Darius Buck,	Oct. 1, 1872,	1100 00
H. M. Eames, Trustee,	May 1, 1877,	101 25
		<hr/> \$7701 25
Interest accrued to Feb. 1, 1877,		319 05
Due West School,		\$118 34
North "		157 66
South "		77 61
East "		158 64
Centre, "		129 85
High "		234 27
Outstanding Town order,		7 25
		<hr/> \$883 62
		<hr/> \$8903 92

## ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	\$1480 82
Due on tax list, 1875,	52 17
" 1876,	16 70
" 1877,	2601 99
Advanced on account State aid,	88 00
	<hr/> \$4239 68
Net indebtedness of the Town,	<hr/> \$4664 24



# STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON, 1877.

No.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	DATE OF BIRTH.
1	Sanford W. Putnam,	William H. and Ann E. Putnam,	January 21.
2	Emice R. R. Cole,	George and Jane A. Cole,	February 15.
3	Fred W. Carter,	Walter T. and Mary E. Carter,	March 5.
4	Issabella Doucett,	Joseph and Ann G. Doucett,	May 17.
5	Willis H. Carter,	Henry L. and Lottie A. Carter,	July 12.
6	Mattie E. Dane,	George F. and Anna M. Dane,	August 4.
7	Thomas A. Terrett,	Richard and Catherine J. Terrett,	August 8.
8	Francis R. Carter,	William W. and Sarah L. Carter,	September 3.
9	Franklin S. Carter,	James O. and Elizabeth R. Carter,	September 12.
10	Annie Muse,	Reuben and Charlotte Muse,	September 21.
11	Alice M. Doucett,	Jeremiah and Donatel Doucett,	October 12.
12	Edna L. Cole,	Samuel F. and Mary E. Cole,	October 16.
13	Surannat Cragan,	Michael and Mary M. Cragin,	October 22.
14	Jennie W. Sargent,	John S. and Angelina Sargent,	November 6.
15	Millie E. White,	Peter and Elizabeth White,	December 3.
16	Alberd W. Fauton,	Simon and Fanny Fauton,	December 25.
17	Annie F. Taylor,	Henry A. and Inez J. Taylor,	
18	Amandy F. Boyce,	David H. and Hannah L. Boyce,	

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON. 1877.

NO.	DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE. Y. M.	CON- DITION	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
1	January 10,	Jonathan Manning,	86 9	widower,	Tewksbury,	Thomas and Rebecca Manning,	Pneumonia.
2	January 13.	Nellie L. Simonds,	15	single,	Wilmington,	Otis and Ellen C. Simonds,	Consumption.
3	Feb. 20.	Aseneath Swain,	76 2	widow,	Andover,	Levi and Nancy Trull,	Paralysis.
4	March 10.	Otis Simonds,	67	widower,	Lexington,	Joshua and Abigail Simonds,	Kidney complaint.
5	April 16.	Annie M. C. Valentine.	6 2	child,	Wilmington,	Peter and Phebe Valentine,	Croup.
6	July 30,	Sarah P. Eames,	44	married,	Kingston, N. B.	Samuel Hobbs,	Consumption.
7	August 12.	George A. Prim,	2 6	child,	Wilmington,	George A. and Agnes Prim,	Dysentery.
8	Sept. 7.	Maria Gowing.	46	married,	Wilmington,	William and Sarah Ames,	Hemorrhage.
9	Sept. 14.	Jonathan Jaquith,	75	married.	Wilmington,	Jonathan and Thirza Jaquith,	Dysentery.
10	Sept. 26	John French,	74	married,	Tewksbury,	John and Elizabeth French,	Kidney complaint.

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON, 1877.

NO.	DATE OF MARR'GE	NAMES GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1	Jan. 1,	Edward Mace,	26	Wilmington,	Farmer,	Manchester, N. H.	Hiram Mace
2	Jan. 27,	Fanny T. J. S. W. Mace,	26	"	Railroad	England,	Henrietta E. S. Whitaker.
3	Jan. 27,	George T. Lowe,	29	"	Sec. Agt.	Wilmington,	Timothy and Mary S. Lowe.
4	Jan. 27,	Florence S. Eames,	20	"	Railroad	"	John N. and Sarah P. Eames
5	Mar 31,	James M. Fortis,	30	"	Sec. Man.	"	Wm. and Mary Ann Fortis.
6	April 15,	Susan H. Taylor,	16	"	Carpenter.	"	Elbridge and Abby L. Taylor.
7	July 15,	Henry A. Taylor,	26	"	"	"	Benj. and Hellen M. Simonds,
8	April 25,	Inez J. Simonds,	19	"	"	Ireland.	Thomas and Bridget Granfield.
9	July 24,	John Granfield.	27	"	Currier,	Ballardvale,	Bernard and Susan McEnroe.
10	Oct. 5	Mary J. McEnroe,	20	"	Currier,	Ireland,	Patrick and Catherine Kellett.
11	Dec. 30,	James Kellet,	24	"	Farmer,	Tingsboro. N. H.	Michael and Margaret Brady.
12	Jan. 27,	Annie Brady,	20	"	Currier,	Wilmington,	Lovett M. and Harriet Walton.
13	Jan. 27,	Frank M. Walton,	23	"	Farmer,	England,	John S. and Martha G. Perry.
14	Jan. 27,	Mary F. Perry,	19	"	Currier,	Wilmington,	George and Jane Cole.
15	Jan. 27,	Samuel F. Cole,	19	"	Farmer,	Woburn,	Otis and Abby Ann Carter
16	Jan. 27,	Mary E. Carter,	19	"	Farmer,	Boston,	George L. and L. J. Blaisdell.
17	Jan. 27,	Walter Blaisdell,	18	"	Farmer,	Milford, N. H.	Jacob and Mary Emerson.
18	Jan. 27,	Hattie L. Emerson,	18	"	Farmer,	Wilmington,	Israel and Sarah L. Towne.
19	Jan. 27,	James W. Towne,	49	"	Farmer,	Nova Scotia,	Caleb and Sarah G. Eames.
20	Jan. 27,	Rebecca Eames.	21	"	Farmer,	Nova Scotia,	John and Elizabeth Doucett.
21	Jan. 27,	James Doucett,	21	"	Farmer,	Nova Scotia,	Peter and Elizabeth White.
22	Jan. 27,	Jane White,	20	"	Farmer,	Nova Scotia,	Peter and Elizabeth White.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The School Committee of the Town of Wilmington beg leave to submit their Annual Report for the year ending March 4th, 1878.

It is our desire to give as full report pertaining to the schools, and school property, as the duty demands, so that our *faithfulness*, or otherwise, may be made apparent, and judged of by the whole people. We have been watchfull for our school-houses as well as the schools themselves, and have endeavored to keep them in a condition consistent with their object. There has been some damage done by scholars, such as breaking glass, by accident, in every such case, have been repaired at their expense. We have reason to believe some of our school-houses have been visited by tramps, who have forced open their doors, to gain a more comfortable place for lodging, consequently some damage has been done, incurring some expense to the town. The whole expense incurred for the year in making all necessary repairs has been trifling except coloring the interior of the Town Hall. Our thanks are due the *selectmen* for their willingness to meet the committee half way in expense and labor, for this important object. This want of improving our High school room has long been felt and acknowledged ; we hope the improvement will be appreciated. We have it to be our duty to supply the several schools with all necessary aids, so far as our limited means allowed ; consequently two new *black-boards* have been put up in the High school room. Several other items, such as *chairs, maps, globe &c.*, have been added to this school. The other schools have received their share of aids in this particular. The want of these supports has in a measure impaired the comfort, and also retarded the progress of our schools in the years gone by. We as a people have suffered from frequent changes in *text books*, evidently they have been brought about by the *importunities* of book venders ; in a few instances only, have they proved a blessing ; consequently we have made as little change in this regard as possible. Early in the year, we thought it advisable to hold (what may be called) a *committee and teachers* meeting, consequently we were convened just before the commencement of the Spring term. Our object was in part, to give some advise to the teachers, regarding the corporeal management of their respective schools ; and also to magnify if possi-



ble, the importance of *faithfulness* as public servants. These meetings have been held previous to the commencement of each term during the year. The results of these meetings, have *more* than met our expectations for good to our schools; therefore, we do earnestly recommend to those who take up these official duties, to continue these meetings for mutual instructions. Our financial condition for the schools this present year, being better than usual we thought it best to make *three terms* instead of two as heretofore, and divide them into twelve weeks each. Our reasons for so doing are, first,—to shorten the interval between the terms, so that children could not lose all they had previously learned, or entirely dissociate themselves from their studies, as is too often the case. Another reason is, some of our children are denied the opportunity to attend either the Spring or Summer terms; the *winter* term is their *only opportunity*.

It seems to us, we ought to consider this fact in the light of *Statute Law*, if in no higher sense, and place our schools upon a *three term basis*, as the wants, and rights, of our children demand. For the year, the same teacher has labored in the same school, and should continue as long as they can be induced to labor in that calling, unless they have become antipathetic and useless as teachers. We have made no changes, as regard to methods of teaching; but have advised such exercises as tend to give proper physical powers their true growth; therefore *vocal* and *calisthenical* exercises have been kept up in most of our schools. The importance of these exercises cannot be over estimated, because in every school where they abound, the most *harmonious*, conditions have existed, and the best progress made.

It will be seen by the following *reports*, that progress has been made in most of our schools, the past year, that more might have been done no one will question, but it is gratifying to us to believe the course of our schools is onward. One of the evidences of this fact is, that *fifteen* scholars from the *primary* schools, have entered the High School, a fact credit ble to the teachers, as well as making the largest junior class since the establishment of our High School.

*High School*.—It may be said with a good degree of assurance, that our high school has become established. Our confidence in the perpetuity of this school, the very keystone to the arch of our educational abilities, arises from its growing strength, and the increasing interest manifested by the intelligent of our town. The success of this school is so generally uniform from year to year, it hardly requires



more than a brief notice. From inspections and careful comparing the processes of unfolding the minds, their abilities to comprehend more and more by natural and easy methods, is truly worthy of its name. We feel confident in saying, we have the right teacher in the right place. To understand the reasonable amount of intellectual labor each pupil is able to perform, to give all needed assistance, by the way of explanation, and reasonable advice, is beautifully exemplified in her ways of teaching. *Thoroughness* in every department of this school is very apparent; the scholars are made acquainted with this fact, as the first requisite to true scholarship. There are other excellences of a higher grade, that are woven into the web of education as they should be, which gives it beauty and strength as well as practicability. For the rise and progress of this higher conception of a true education in our high school, much credit is due our most estimable and efficient teacher Miss Salome G. Twitchell, the present teacher of our high school. To gain some idea of what we are receiving for our money expended in this school annually, from five to twelve of our children have become in a good degree educated, and therefore better qualified to occupy positions requiring intellectual knowledge, and moral responsibility. Judging from our standpoint of view, we believe there is a *refining* influence at work in this school. No master or miss possessing noxious habits of whatever kind, find encouragement to continue them from their teacher; but much kind entreaty to leave them off. The members of this school are encouraged to habits of *industry* and *punctuality*, in fact all these excellences, and virtues that tend to make true men and true women. Thus we are pleased to record what we believe to be true regarding the developing influences in our High School. In connection with this report, we would suggest the importance of raising the standard of admission into the High School. Its present junior class is quite large, and not quite up to the rank of scholarship we would like to see; this being the case, the teacher is too much incumbered by dwelling with rudimentals that should been thoroughly learned in the primary school, by this fact it is obvious to all, that the progress in higher branches must be retarded. The only remedy we know of, is to better prepare in the primary school. This recommend we submit to the coming board of committee.

Before leaving this report we would like to speak of some unpleasant things that often greet our ears; if they injured no one but those at whom they throw their missiles we would not spend the time

and ink to speak of them, *because* they come up from ignorance, and will eventually return like the boomerang, injuring those who can least bear its consequences, we speak. It is this finding fault of the expense of our schools, together with their management. Would that we might cover this phase of wrong with some mantle and hide it forever from the gaze of truth. This we cannot do ; our conceptions of duty, impell us to present to the town every gross error, and hindering influence in the way of our schools.

The number of graduates from this school within the year of 1877 are five, as follows : Alma Q. Buck, Annie M. Harnden, Carrie E. Nichols, Wisdom E. Bell, J. Edward Skilton.

#### CENTRE DISTRICT SCHOOL.

This school for the entire year has been under the immediate care of Miss Kate Gowing. Miss Gowing as we all know, graduated from our high school with a good degree of satisfaction to her teacher and friends. Soon after her exit from the high school, she was induced to take the place as teacher in the centre school, where she has labored until now. The result of her school labors thus far, are good, and very satisfactory ; therefore we cannot entertain a doubt of her usefulness in this particular field, in the future. This school has made good progress in all the studies common in our schools ; some branches have received more attention than others, for the reason their importance required it, for instance the art of *reading* has received particular notice. *Spelling* also has been continually practiced by all the members of the school. Improvement has been made in *writing*. The children of this school comprehend in a measure the importance, and beauty of *clean writing* books, and for this we are glad to give them credit. *Cleanliness* is a *virtue*, and is entitled to more attention than it usually receives ; more will be said about it hereafter. It is very difficult for children to comprehend the idea of thoroughness in complicated studies as is *Arithmetic* and *Grammar*, the latter especially, as it has been said "they are apt to measure their progress by the pages passed over," and often exhibit displeasure by being requested to review. In so doing, they think much time has been lost to them, by working over the same field. Would that not only children, but those of an older growth, of comparative large experience in the actualities of life, might better comprehend the importance of better beginnings ; digging deeper, selecting, with

more care and wisdom, every item of material, that is to become a part of the foundation upon which we as individuals must rest our superstructure. It has been the endeavor of this teacher to impress this fact, that right beginnings insure a large reward, and also, that these impressions have become indelible. Frequent reviewing in this school is one of its best features. The art of *music*, has received a fair share of attention and has (we hope) become one of the components of education. The general conduct of the scholars in this school has been good. The methods of *correction* have been *mild*, and adequate, to insure *obedience* and *good behavior*, so far as we know. This school has furnished eight scholars for the High school this present year. Their examinations were all good in the comparative. These facts are worthy of credit to the teacher and scholar. Another fact we would mention, this teacher has endeavored to carry out *practically*, the *injunctions* of the committee.

The true *glory* and *success* of a school arises from its unity — *Teacher and Scholars*.

In connection with this report, we would suggest the importance of *new Out Buildings* and *Fence*, for better convenience to this school. They are, at the present time, in an inadequate and dilapidated condition.

#### WEST DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Miss Lizzie J. Harnden has been employed as teacher in this school, for the past two years. It is a pleasure to us to be able to give as creditable record as this school is entitled to. Miss Harnden has labored, in her quiet way, for the highest good of all her scholars. There has been no undue efforts put forth to reach a high point of advance in any one branch of study by any *particular* class or scholar, but all the scholars have received their share of attention in their particular studies; consequently the entire school has been carried onward and upward to a degree commendable to the teacher and scholars. This school, in point of numbers, is the smallest in town. This fact has been advantageous to the school, inasmuch as extra attention has been given to scholars and studies. Miss Harnden possesses many superior qualities, all of them tending to prepare her for a higher position as a teacher. *Patience* and *quiet perseverance* on her part have been pleasingly exemplified during the past year. Her untiring zeal to give the scholars the benefit of many *isolated* facts, outside of text-books, is an evidence of her desire to utilize the whole time of school hours.



The *intellectual* and *moral* status of this school is good. There has been no noticeable departures from right by any scholar during the past year that we have any knowledge of. This speaks for the parents, as well as for the teacher, and their children. Three scholars from this school have entered the High School the past year. Their examinations were good - up to the average in all their studies. To be good, and do good, should be the ultimate of all our endeavors.

#### NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Miss Ella Pearson, teacher for the three past years. This school *numerically*, is the largest in our town. It includes, also, a large per cent of children of foreign parentage. The average age of the children in this school is less in years than in any of the other schools. These facts we are constrained to note, because they existed from the beginning of Miss Pearson's labors in this school, and are *modifying* in their tendencies. If we admit of progress, they tend to enhance the value of service rendered by the teacher, even if not successful in every particular ; that we do not believe possible until *better methods* of instruction are conceived and adopted. Miss Pearsons has succeeded wonderfully in bringing the minds of her pupils into a good degree of harmony by calisthenical and singing exercises. These remedies for restless children are far better than the rod, especially if the teacher is inclined to impatience and fretfulness. There has been a commendable progress made in most of the studies.

When we consider the large number of classes and each to receive its proportion of time and attention, we cannot expect brilliant exhibitions of scholarship ; neither do we wish them, for wherever found in school they exert a disheartening influence upon those less favored by inherent weakness. Whenever we have visited this school, we have always found the scholars *studious*, and well disposed to *obey* their teacher. The scholars have been disciplined to stand in their class erect, and to speak correctly and distinctly. These excellent features are in the line of true scholarship and manhood. Two scholars from this school have taken their places in our High School the past year, with a fair promise of success.

Results from any undertaking must conform, in a measure, to the circumstances and surroundings of its beginnings.

#### SOUTH DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Miss Mary D. Bartley, teacher during the year. The work done in this school during the past year has been in the main very satisfactory. The opening of this school last spring was in nowise an

encouraging field of labor for an aspiring, inexperienced teacher. Somewhere in the past, seeds of *error* have been strewn in this field; by whom or by what process it matters not now, if they are understood and *proper remedies applied* for their extermination. It is very apparent to us that the teacher understood the nature of these errors from prior experience in school teaching, and has labored intelligently for its advance. We believe this school is in a fair way to recover from its *past apathy*, and take its place with others on a higher plane of intellectual and progressive life.

There has been a marked improvement in the art of *reading*, which we are pleased to note. The scholars have been taught to care for their *writing books*, to keep them clean and neat. Uncleanliness has been one of the leading errors in this school. The scholars, their books and school-room, in the past, have received too little attention in this regard. A radical change in these matters is an evidence of leading and energizing qualities in the teacher. In view of all the obstacles and hindering influences in and around this school, we cheerfully award the teacher praise for the inspiring evidences of good to this school the past year. The extra price of one dollar per week paid this teacher, we feel we have been richly rewarded. It is, we believe, absolutely necessary for the good of this, as well as all other schools, to keep at work faithful and experienced teachers. The general moral conduct of the scholars in this school we believe to be good. One scholar from this school has entered the High School the past year. Patient perseverance and continual acquiring will intellectually jewel the crown.

#### EAST DISTRICT SCHOOL.

This school has enjoyed for a series of years in the immediate past, the *labor and love* of one of the *most efficient and successful* teachers. Wilmington as the place of birth can boast of. It will be remembered, her early efforts (to superficial observers at least) were not entirely successful. The *two* first years of her labor were preparatory, in as much as the want of knowledge of the various dispositions and relations of parents and children was requisite for true success, especially with this *peculiar* people. In view of these *peculiarities*, one with less true native qualifications for overcoming difficulties would have *quit* the field, to the ignorant satisfaction of her would be disposers; but *fortunately* for the good of that peculiar people, she was possessed of a *sterner* and more *positive* qualities



than those who would have been affected by the clamoring of ignorance, and moral imbecility. True to her convictions of right, intuitively a good *tactician*, she was enabled to maintain a continued success for a long term of years. Thus we found this school at the close of Miss Rebecca Eames's labors in this field. The next teacher provided for this school, was in many respects richly qualified to teach this, or any other primary class, and would have been successful in a good degree as it was, if she had had a thorough acquaintance with the *qualities* and their *workings* possessed by this people. Failing to possess this knowledge, we believe, was the principal cause of her failure. You, parents of this district know full well the condition of this school at the close of this teachers labors for your children. You know also the little bickerings common among school children, who possess antagonizing natures, and sometimes express them on their way, or at school, are taken up by you and magnified to their full extent, at the same time berate the teacher for not suppressing by *physical force*, (which is often beyond their power to do) what you have encouraged, and are responsible for. Is it strange or surprising to you that the word *failure* should find an appropriate place on the lintels over the doors to your school house? If it is not, there is no more forbidding field for a teacher within the pale of our knowledge. And yet it is the desire as well as duty of the committee to act in this matter according to our best knowledge in the case. Thus we have done (but not without some hesitancy) in placing Miss Abbie Buck in this school, where she has labored during the spring and summer terms. The results of her labors have been very much affected by causes too apparent to need particularizing. We do not charge this teacher with incompetency, or lack of labor on her part, to have made the school what it should have been, in all reasonable respects; neither would we extol her above the permits of her short experience and actual fitness for school-teaching. But we do believe, had she received a cordial, sympathizing support from parents, her labors would have proved a blessing to that school. True to her knowledge of justice in the case, devoid of any unpleasant feeling towards her accusers, in a quiet, christian manner resigned her position as teacher of this school. To supply a teacher for the winter term was a duty that involved much care and anxiety on our part. To bring this school up to its former prosperity required an experienced, thoroughly individualized teacher; one that had become, by experience, impervious to spit-balls of fault-finders, and yet tender in her sympathies to all under her charge. Such a teacher, we are

induced to believe, has been placed in this school, Miss Lottie E. Converse, of Woburn, her native place, where she has acquired a large experience in teaching ; acquainted with the most modern methods and tactics used. The short term of her labors in this school, we believe, have been fruitful of much good. Her method of discipline has been strict but not severe. Her manner of teaching is easy and natural. To impress the practical of principles outside of text-books is largely practiced, as it should be. The scholars have been drilled in all the fundamentals of their studies.

This we believe to be in the line of true progress. The art of reading has been taught with understanding ; to give proper inflections, to observe all the punctuation marks, to pronounce every word distinctly and properly, and also define words in the reading lessons, are some of the features in her methods of teaching. There has been much care to keep their books clean. The school-room itself has been kept in a condition worthy its name. In view of what has been accomplished in this school during the winter term, we do not hesitate to advise more permanent relations regarding this school and Miss Converse.

The young, impressible mind, rightly unfolded and directed, in active life seldom walk in crooked paths.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Name of School	Name of Teacher	Term	No. of scholars	Average Attendance	No. under 5 yrs	No. over 15 yrs	No. not taught	Absent on duty	Length of term weeks	Wages per Month
High	Miss Salome G. Twitchell,	Spr	22	20.	0	12	52		12	\$48 00
		Fall	32	28.	0	12	42		12	48 00
		Win	30	27.	0	12	40		13	48 00
Centre	Kate Gowing,	Spr	29	23.1-2	0	0	11		12	28 00
		Fall	24	18.7-8	0	0	17		12	28 00
		Win	22	19.	0	0	13		11	28 00
West	Lizzie J. Harnden,	Spr	18	16.4-5	2	0	10		12	28 00
		Fall	13	12.1-2	0	0	8		12	28 00
		Win	12	10.	0	0	0	2	11	28 00
South	Mary D. Bartley,	Spr	29	25 1-6	0	0	16		12	32 00
		Fall	29	25.	0	0	12		12	32 00
		Win	25	24.	0	0	11		5	32 00
North	Ella J. Pearson,	Spr	48	37.	0	0	48		12	28 00
		Fall	37	31.	0	0	53		12	28 00
		Win	27	21.	0	0	30	3	12	28 00
East	Abbie C. Buck,	Spr	23	20.	0	0	16		12	28 00
		Fall	27	21.	0	0	32		12	28 00
	Lottie E. Converse.	Win	25	19.	0	0	45		12	32 00

At this present time of making up our report, it should be born in mind that *five* of our schools are in session, consequently we are obliged to make up the record of each school for the winter term upon the basis of the past seven weeks ; the five remaining weeks are made up upon the same average. To obviate uncertainties consequent, for the want of time, allow us to suggest a remedy, which is: *defer* our annual town meeting to the first Monday in April.

## TO SCHOOL TEACHERS.

*Manners and Morals in Schools.*—How far is systematic instruction in manners and morals practicable in our schools? is a question, and must remain one, so long as confusions are rife upon this most important question, pertaining to the welfare of our young. To an honest observer, the omens of good are too plain to be misinterpreted, though they may appear at present no larger than the prophet's cloud. One of the results of our observations, while the external form—a sort of dancing master's style of gavel manners—may be inculcated by precept, to a certain extent, in our schools, or otherwise, the internal grace and nicety of perception and observance, that impart

such a charm to truly cultured society, is too subtle in its nature to be embodied in dogmatic rules, and can only be acquired by habitual social intercourse with those who, through long association with persons of true refinement, have become, as it were, "in manners born again." Thus, through the daily intercourse with instructors who are of polite breeding themselves, pupils may and will acquire a more correct standard for good manners without a single formal rule being instituted for their observance than can be inculcated by the most talented and pains-taking teachers, who lack in this essential moulding quality. Then again, in order to impart good morals with effect to pupils, school-teachers themselves must possess good morals, for in spite of any external covering of their true character, children possess by nature an instinct, a sort of intuitional knowledge, that enables them to detect without effort the secret motives that prompt the actions of those with whom they are in daily and hourly intercourse, whether school-teachers or others, and must affect their characters from the internal side of the pattern set before them, rather than the external, be it for good or for evil. It is very essential that teachers should possess a correct understanding of what it is to become thoroughly individualized. They should not be of a class that defer their opinions to others. They should be free in their minds to examine, and obtain all the information they can, whether from books, observation, experience, or otherwise, and then act the highest unbiased convictions of their own minds promptly. Thus they could try all things, and hold fast to that which is good.

We would have them courageous and self-reliant, in maintaining what they believe to be right, but yet *modest, gentle, unaffected* and *unassuming* in their intercourse with their pupils, and all others, without social distinction or position. We would have them, in fact, to feel themselves to be what *God* and *Nature* designed us all to be, not weak, vacillating dependants, to be moved by every shift of feeling, common in school districts with parents in regard to their belief of teachers' fitness or course of action, but be free, independent, and fully individualized, men and women. We do not mean by this that we would have our school teachers to be reckless or defiant in regard to the past or present opinions and ideas of others, but would have them examine and weigh all legitimate matters carefully, in the best light their own reason and judgment affords, and then adopt those only that accord with their convictions of what is true and right, even should they be obliged in consequence to stand, as it were, alone in the world, which is often the lot of those who have been pioneers in



the cause of truth and the progress of mankind, in wisdom, knowledge and goodness. In an especial manner we would have our school teachers to be deeply imbued with the divine attribute of sympathy ; sympathy that extends not only to their own immediate relatives and friends, but which regards with tenderness every creature God has made, not excepting the meanest and smallest on the earth. We would have them teach their pupils, by both precept and example, not only to avoid inflicting wanton or unnecessary suffering on any of the brute creation, but to endeavor to add to their enjoyment of life as much as lies within their power.

True kindness and sympathy exert an influence that is hard for the most ferocious natures, whether of man or beast, to resist, and we may depend upon it that school teachers whose every-day life and intercourse with their pupils, when pervaded with these heaven-born elements, will never have to resort to corporeal or violent punishment to maintain order in their schools. We are induced to believe many young, inexperienced women, are seeking schools for no higher purpose than a pecuniary one ; to be regretted, too many are successful in obtaining them, entailing consequences that would disgrace the Hottentots, in point of morals. To those who are pure in heart, who love mercy and justice, who are kind and compassionate to all God's creatures, whose sympathetic tears will mingle with the poor, distressed, and sorrowing, whose single purpose is to direct and mould the minds of the young that they may learn to walk in paths of virtue and truth, determined to use no other than the most Christ-like means in corrections, we would encourage to take schools ; not otherwise.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

However much of actual fact pertaining to our schools and the cause of education among our kindred, we may desire to include in this part of our report, we feel constrained to touch only the most prominent points, suggested by this part of our duty.

The following remarks, under different heads, are most respectfully submitted to parents for their faithful consideration.

*Education.*—"To educate a child is an office of which no one can think lightly." To administer perceptions and unfold the faculties in their season and proportions, to give power to the affections "without impairing their symmetry ; to develop in their right order the great ideas of duty and of God ;" to exhibit human virtues and relations in so beautiful an aspect as to shed the light of beneficence and



love in every path, is a task of responsibility so solemn as to invest every parent's life with the sanctity of a divine mission.

Many, we may believe, have but a feeble impression of the delicacy and responsibility of this task. "There is no department of education in which wrong methods are so fatal ; in which the conveyance of a thought into the mind at an unhappy moment or by an unhappy process may leave a more indelible and prejudicial effect." From these misunderstandings, and gropings for better methods, too little has been comprehended, either by suffering or experience. The present demoralized condition of our country, in almost every aspect, should, and will, eventually, oblige us to consider with more earnestness and honesty the primaries of human growth than has been done in the past. It is the manifest duty of every parent to learn thoroughly the wants of their children, and then fit them for a natural sphere of usefulness. The present acting generation were once children and received instruction that make us what we are, and what our children will be, unless we radically change our methods.

To map out an entire new field for new educational conquests, expecting or desiring a general transfer of present means and methods to the elysian fields of aspiring dreamers, is not to be thought of ; neither is it our purpose to advise the back track, leading into the labyrinths of past ignorance and superstition. Neither of these extremes will lead us out of our difficulties, for both have been tried and failed. Since we have failed to find the pearl of truth in our wanderings, let us sweep our homes, as did the woman who lost the piece of silver, and be assured we shall find the *key* that will unlock to us the defects in our present home educational systems. Yes, parents : the trouble is with us ; and, if we can be made to believe it, we will have taken the first step in the right direction. We must be agreed as touching the fundamental principles of human development. How can this knowledge be obtained ? First—learn the leading qualities in ourselves ; ascertain the governing characteristics of our natures, and be persuaded of the true direction they tend to lead our children. Let us not deceive ourselves in these matters, for what we sow, that we shall certainly reap. If *money* be the all-absorbing object with parents, their children will, inevitably, learn to worship at the same shrine. Such children, with this cankerous idea eating its way into the very citadel of their moral life, may easily be singled out in any of our schools. Their general conduct betrays them. They grow into habits of idleness and indifference, often over-reaching in their desires to gain something to jingle in their pockets ; and, more than this, they

often become dictative, wilful and turbulent in school. In view of this existing truth, we would ask in all candor, who is to blame? Are the children to blame for expressing what their parents have taught them at home? Do you, parents, wish the *committee* and *teachers* to drive out of your children with a rod what you have created within them by precept and example? God forbid! Reason and common sense protest against such inexcusable ignorance.

We have attempted to depict but one path of error, leading out directly from our homes. Their name is legion, and all accessible to children. Happy will be those parents who comprehend fully this truth, and seek to direct the feet of their children in paths of righteousness and truth.

*Cleanliness.*—“Purity of the body is one of Heaven’s requirements.” The idea of suggesting so common and every-day duty to parents, as guardians and exemplifiers to their children, may at first appear ridiculous. But before censuring, look with us from our standpoint, and possibly we all will agree to the reasonableness of presenting so plain a duty. No parent would wish to send their little ones to school without first washing their faces and hands that they may appear clean. This is right, so far as it goes, but it does not cover the whole duty. The body, every whit, should be clean. This is the first requisite to pure conceptions of truth and Godliness, for how can impure fountains send forth pure waters? Children should be early taught by their parents this important personal obligation, as an important quality in their education. If, as it has been said, purity of the body is a safeguard against infections of a malarious type, how well should we guard our children by faithfulness in so important a duty.

*Errors in dressing children.*—Whoever duly values freedom above bondage, strength above weakness, joy above misery, comfort above pain, will not think a few words upon this subject in our remarks out of place.

The present and prevailing ideas with mothers are, that their children (daughters especially) should be dressed to please the eye of fashion, regardless of consequences. If fashion demands a low neck, short sleeves dress, thin cotton stockings, with thin kid shoes, for a school garb in mid-winter, it must suffice. The child, reposing in its mother’s wisdom, bears its pains as a tribute to this demon fashion. If the child sickens and dies by entailed consequences, no one is to blame but providence. Away with such nonsense; learn something for your children from your experience in rearing house

plants, (if you have nothing better.) Would you place a tender rose out of doors in a cold winter's day? No, you have too much regard for the object of your care to destroy it by any such means. You do not consult the god of fashion in these matters, but obey, as you should, an imperative law. It is quite time something should be done for the physical needs and comfort of our children outside of prevailing customs. Hygienic laws should be our theme, until we are above the destroying influences of this capricious monster. It may be asked, what has the question of dress to do with education? Common sense and reason both will say, "very much." If the body has become weak and puny by exposure and neglect, the senses and faculties will become weak also. This fact is too apparent for further comment.

*Temperance* — we believe to be a virtue, wherever found in individual life. To be pure in *mind* and *body* should be our aim. They are worthy of the enlistment of all our powers. Much has been said upon this question, but very little has been accomplished, in comparison to what might and should have been. The question of intemperance has been presented in almost every form conceivable, without any apparent success. We believe it to be difficult, if not impossible, for any one, however well informed he or she may be upon this subject, to bring about a true reform, relying upon the prevailing methods as the best means to secure this great object. The coming, true temperance reform, must and will grow up in our homes. When parents have become inspired by this truth, and thoroughly conscious of their responsibilities and accountability for the physical, intellectual and moral welfare of their children, we may know that the summer of true temperance reform is nigh. Yes, parents, let us be temperate in all things, whatsoever we eat, or drink, let all these reflect an elevating influence upon our children, who are true imitators of our example.

*Punctuality*. — There are but few qualities woven into human characters that are as prominent, and so well calculated to give strength and beauty to the great web of individual life as *punctuality*. Its importance in every condition and relation of transactional life cannot be over-estimated or too much cultivated. Believing this to be true, there are but few faults with parents more palpably unjust and wicked in their effects upon children than this manifest indifference to punctuality. Our schools have become seriously impaired for the want of promptness in parents to instruct their children to be in school in good season, every day. Go into our schools and be



convinced of this fact. If this is not sufficient proof, scan the records of each school in our town, then ask yourselves the question: How can it be possible for our *schools* to prosper when we are doing so much to unfit our children to be benefited by their existence?

*Parental neglect* in the various departments of duty to their children will clothe posterity in rags.

*Parental sympathy.* — Failures of success in school, growing out of matters touching conduct, — as failures generally do, — can be traced, in nine cases out of ten, to causes antecedent to the pupil's connection with the school, — evidently at home, and nowhere else. This manifest reluctance with parents to believe their children at fault, when the evidences are against them, is a sin-sick sympathy to protect their children in wrong doing. This tends directly to increase the distance between them and the teachers, especially when children are *sure* of protection at home. Teachers are powerless, in a measure, because of this disfavor at home. The want of a true and earnest co-operation, — *parents* with *teachers*, — was never more demanded than now, because this fault is the principal hindrance to success with our teachers, and is the most potent of any which we have to deal with. When these causes do not exist the most amiable relations between *teacher* and *scholar* are maintained.

*Visiting School.* — If there is one joy above another, springing up in a faithful teacher's heart, it is the one inspired by the presence of a true-hearted parent, or friend, in the school-room. Parents, do you fully realize your influence for good to your children, and encouragement to the teacher, when drawn to the school-room by a true motive to encourage the scholars to acts of obedience to teacher and kindness to one another? We are encouraged to believe this custom is growing more into favor with parents in our town. Be assured, *parents*, our schools, in a measure, are what we make them. Their prosperity depends very much upon our personal effort and care.

*School Discipline.* — The thing in which it seems necessary to invest a little more kind and judicious effort, at the present time, is the improvement of the moral tone of our children in our schools. By this we do not mean specially the inculcation of profound religious principles, but the development of a better quality of moral conduct in the school-room, the school-yard, and also in the street, to and from school. Our observation leads us to throw the blame in this regard (mainly) upon parents. Teachers do not, and cannot exercise positive controlling power over their pupils, when parents stand between them and their children. Some trouble has,

in some of our schools, grown out of these pernicious relations. Ignorance as to the true methods of discipline in schools on the part of parents is at the bottom, undermining the efforts of committee and teachers in directing and controlling their children in higher and more Christ-like ways.

It is a sad comment upon the truth as regards to the true status of inherent justice to be requested, as a member of the committee, to inflict pain upon the children for disobedience, when the fault can be traced to home influence. *Parents*: our schools were not created for whipping-marts, or, especially for moral corrections, but to learn the principles of a secular education. When parents thoroughly instruct their children upon this point, and assume the responsibility of their children's moral conduct at home and at school, we shall have made long strides towards a righteous solution of some of our present difficulties.

*Small talk, vulgarity, &c.*—We are sure no one will attempt to refute, much less deny, the existence of a prevailing custom of expression among all classes in our societies which is decidedly unmanly and demoralizing. This phase of error has, as it were, become incorporated into the very atmosphere we breathe. Go where we will, into whatever grade of society we may, these impure, vile exhalations will dare to intrude. No one wishes to be thought of as impure in thought or impious in word, and yet they continue to use words that have no proper fitness or sense, which actually impair and weaken their statements.

*Vulgarity* is another phase of the same family, and has worked its way into counting-rooms, factories, work-shops, families, and naturally into our schools. Its corrupting influence is a thousand times more to be feared than a ten-fold increase of Colorado potato-bugs. It is very seldom we hear anything said upon this question, either *pro* or *con*, and is it not to be feared *Christian Examples*, who should be first and foremost in all such matters of moral reform, have become senseless to its existence and unconsciously affected by its vileness?

*Falsifying* is another member of the same group. There is an undue desire to distend the truth out of all its legitimate proportions for no other reason than habit. It has coiled itself up like a serpent and is carried in the bosoms of mankind for no higher purpose than to sting its ignorant benefactor.

Very few statements made or stories related without this red thread of error being visible, and yet no one wishes to be called a



falsifier or a white liar. "Oh, no! he did not mean any harm by his exaggeration," is often the answer of his hearers as to the truth of his statements. Thus the little red streams of iniquity rise and flow, ramifying our societies, towns, cities and our country. How can it be otherwise than that the moral atmosphere has to an alarming extent become vitiated and poisoning in its nature. To parents and all moral reformers, we would most earnestly propound the following question, viz. : What must inevitably result, if a living combination of corrupting errors find a congenial home in the hearts of our children? Were we to trace the short-comings of parents, as affecting their children, to their beginnings, we should find in the majority of cases that one or more of these errors woven into their example. Is it a wonder the *light talkers* are so little esteemed by the good and virtuous? Does it surprise you when told how little the *vulgar* are courted by the pure? How can you manifest any surprise to learn how little confidence is reposed in *falsifiers* by those who love the truth? Almost like the Prophet, we would say: Keep the heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of moral or immoral life.

JOHN N. EAMES,	}	SCHOOL
WARREN EAMES,		
JAMES A. SHEPARD,		COMMITTEE.

Wilmington, Feb. 11th, 1878.

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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MIDDLESEX, ss.

*To Thos. A. Bancroft, Constable of the Town of Wilmington.*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town House, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz.:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at the said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear reports of Committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see how much money the Town will raise to defray annual expenses and pay Town debts.

ART. 5. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Select School for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Poor for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of Highways, and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing

ART. 10 To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of Taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes, under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will appropriate and pay John H. Simpson a bounty of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for enlisting in the army to the credit of the Town of Wilmington.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate seventy-five dollars for the decoration of soldiers' graves in May next.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to build a new fence around the old cemetery, and otherways improve its general appearance.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will accept as a Town Road the road leading from the main highway to the house of Daniel R. Upton, as laid out by the Selectmen.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to have the bell rung at 12 M. and 9 P. M. daily, during the year.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to have their annual Town Meeting the first Monday in April.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to build a new fence and out-buildings at the Center School House.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to bear any part of the expense of building a new bridge on the Billerica side of Shawsheen River, near the Brown place.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the sale of Real Estate for Taxes heretofore made by Collectors.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

EDWARD A. CARTER,	}	SELECTMEN
NATHAN B. EAMES,		OF
OTIS C. BUCK,		WILMINGTON.

A true copy,—Attest:

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#### ERRORS OF THE PRINTER.

On page 14, the total footing at the bottom of the page should come after the line "grinding corn, \$155 27."

On the first page of the School Committee's Report, 15th line from the bottom, supply the word "felt," so it will read "have felt it."

On page 28, in 8th line from bottom, supply "have," so it will read "that should have been,"

On page 32, the last word in the first line should read "borne."

On page 32, 3d line from the bottom, for "gavel" read "good."





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OF THE

# TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

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—AND—

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Paid County Treasurer \$111.60 on account of Dog Licenses in 1878.

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# REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

## SERVICES OF OFFICERS.

Paid Edward A. Carter, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	\$100 00
Nathan B. Eames, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	80 00
Otis C. Buck, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	80 00
William H. Carter, Town Clerk,	15 00
Cyrus L. Carter, Town Treasurer,	50 00
Samuel B. Nichols, Tax Collector,	100 00
Thomas A. Bancroft, Constable,	25 00
Lemuel C. Eames, School Committee,	15 00
Warren Eames, " "	16 00
James A. Shepard, " "	12 00
	<hr/> \$493 00

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Amount expended by the several surveyors, viz:

District No. 1—Paid Levi Swain, Jr., surveyor,	\$100 00
" 2—William H. Carter, surveyor,	102 36
" 3—Frederick S. White, surveyor,	129 87
" 4—Benjamin F. Perry, surveyor,	144 34
" 5—Henry Buck, surveyor,	124 61
" 6—Elbridge Taylor, surveyor,	86 12
" 7—Charles Hopkins, surveyor,	103 58
" 8—Wesley Nason, surveyor,	83 02
" 9—A. J. Fuller, surveyor,	100 04
" 10—William H. Boutwell, surveyor,	79 96
" 11—Edward Mears, surveyor,	81 33
" 12—John T. Wild, surveyor,	110 62
" 13—Sylvester Carter, surveyor,	90 01
	<hr/> \$1345 86

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Fisk & Coleman, drain tile,	\$3 86
N. B. Eames, paying express and laying same,	2 00
J. A. Ames, one cask spikes,	3 50
J. A. Ames, spikes,	32
Henry Sheldon, one hundred cedar posts,	15 00
William H. Carter, grading near A. Jaquith's shop,	6 67
N. B. Eames, extra highway work,	12 83
Everel Harnden, repairing abutment near ice company's saw mill,	6 25
Levi Swain, Jr., culvert work,	3 83
Levi Swain, Jr., extra work on highway district No. 1,	83 66
Thomas P. Eames, culvert work near Brown's crossing,	7 50
Edward Mears, culvert work near Burt place,	13 00
C. F. Harris, plank,	1 08
F. S. White, district No. 3, extra highway work,	21 35
Henry L. Carter, cedar poles,	34 30
Otis C. Buck, railing roads and bridges,	13 33
Lawrence Lumber Co., lumber,	36 31
E. A. Carter, planking and railing bridges,	11 81
N. B. Eames, extra highway work district No. 1,	28 25
Boston & Maine Railroad Co., freight on lumber,	2 40
H. A. Sheldon and B. F. Perry, building two culverts near H. N. Eames' place,	20 00
F. S. White, housing road scraper in 1877 and 1878,	4 00
George Walker, extra highway work on district No. 1,	13 20
	<hr/> \$344 45

## REMOVING SNOW.

District No. 1,	\$19 33
“ 2,	15 01
“ 3,	26 21
“ 4,	26 09
“ 5,	10 98
“ 6,	16 41
“ 7,	10 00
“ 8,	19 99
“ 9,	7 24
“ 10,	12 33
“ 11,	20 00
“ 12,	22 66
“ 13,	7 25
	<hr/> \$213 70

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Othniel Eames, police service 1877,	\$2 00
Levi Swain, Jr., police badge,	1 50
E. M. Nichols, one pair handcuffs,	3 00
C. F. Harris, police service,	2 00
Thomas A. Bancroft, police service,	2 00
Otis C. Buck, police service,	2 00
Otis C. Buck, police badge,	1 50
John McDonald, police service,	2 00
H. N. Eames, police service,	2 00
G. T. Eames, police service,	2 00
J. H. Simpson, police service,	2 00
J. H. Simpson, police badge and handcuffs,	4 25
Edward A. Carter, car fare, express, postage, and tax book,	3 80
Jonathan Carter, kerosene oil, use of Town Hall, 1877-78,	6 51
William H. Carter, returns of 21 births, 13 deaths and 18 marriages to the Secretary of the Commonwealth,	17 75

*Amount carried forward,*

\$54 31



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$54 31
Paid William H. Carter, journey to Reading to qualify Representative,	2 00
William H. Carter, express, postage and stationery,	3 17
S. B. Nichols, two dozen wood screws,	15
S. B. Nichols, care of cemetery and writing deeds,	15 00
S. B. Nichols, express on books,	30
S. B. Nichols, stationery delivered School Committee,	10
S. B. Nichols, returning 13 deaths to Town Clerk,	3 25
J. A. Ames, two dozen screws,	12
J. W. Perry, repairing key to tomb,	50
E. M. Nichols, janitor of Town House,	10 00
Henry Buck, making guideboards,	8 00
Henry Buck, repairing pump and labor on South Schoolhouse,	2 35
Levi Swain, Jr., repairing pump and platform at North Schoolhouse,	4 61
J. W. Johnson, services in case of William Beard vs. town of Wilmington,	76 85
E. G. Avery, tax bills,	3 00
Hill & Tolman, 400 town reports,	56 00
Auditing Committee, 1878,	6 00
James Nichols, ringing bell,	5 00
	<hr/> \$250 71

#### BUILDING NEW ROAD.

Expense of building new road near Daniel R. Upton's,	49 00
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#### OLD CEMETERY.

Expense of fencing old cemetery,	122 99
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## STATE AID.

Paid Mary A. Phelps,	\$48 00	
Phebe Simpson,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$96 00

## VALUATION FOR 1878.

Real Estate,	\$477,501 00
Personal estate,	86,318 00
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Total valuation.	\$563,819 00
Amount of taxes assessed in 1878,	7,073 43
Rate of taxation for general tax per \$1000.	11.50

## ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

For 1874, Samuel B. Nichols, Collector,	4 00	
1875, Samuel B. Nichols, Collector,	6 00	
1876, Samuel B. Nichols, Collector,	16 00	
1877, Samuel B. Nichols, Collector,	15 00	
1878, Samuel B. Nichols, Collector,	19 01	
	<hr/>	\$60 01

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm,	\$4000 00
Personal property at Town Farm,	1430 53
Town House,	1800 00
Schoolhouses and furniture,	6800 00
Town scales and sealer's office,	250 00
Two hearses,	350 00
Hearse house,	100 00
Cemetery land and lots,	500 00
Furniture in Town Hall and Selectmen's offices,	90 00
Public Library and furniture,	1000 00
Cedar posts and poles,	5 00
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	\$16,325 53

## ALMSHOUSE.

Names and ages of inmates of the Alms house.

Registered No.	Names.	Age.	Remarks.
5	Louisa Burtt,	74	Died November 14, 1878.
7	Fanny Butters,	38	
8	Albert Carter,	59	
10	John Bancroft,	36	
12	Elbridge Butters,	73	
36	Clarissa Reed,	83	
22	Charlotte Butters,	7	
38	Charles P. Avery,	66	

Whole number during the year, 8.

Present number, 7.

### VAGRANTS.

Number of lodgings furnished, 375.

Number of meals furnished, 884.

### INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE, FEBRUARY 1, 1879.

Live stock,	\$356 00
Farming tools, etc.,	443 45
Provisions,	137 84
Wood and lumber,	192 50
Household furniture,	288 74
Contents of lobby,	12 00
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Inventory of 1878,	1430 53
Inventory of 1877,	1368 78
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Increase,	\$61 75

## OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

Paid Edward A. Carter, labor,	3 50
S. B. Nichols, burial of John Bancroft,	5 00
G. L. Perry, blacksmith work,	2 98
G. E. Carter, meat,	10 53
A. Ellis, groceries,	198 28
J. A. Fuller, one year's salary,	300 00
J. A. Ames, groceries,	47 40
John W. Perry, blacksmith work,	27 62
C. M. Gowing, meat,	7 04
N. B. Eames, 7000 shingles (now on hand),	25 50
N. B. Eames, 1078 pounds coal,	3 76
Eames Brothers, meat,	28 00
Warren Eames, meat,	9 77
J. R. Currier, bakers' bread,	35 04
Jonathan Carter, groceries,	31 01
L. H. Allen, coffin, etc., for J. Bancroft,	10 00
C. M. Gowing, meat,	15 19
J. A. Ames, groceries,	103 68
Warren Eames, meat,	32 58
C. M. Gowing, meat,	20 32
J. A. Fuller, groceries,	10 68
C. M. Gowing, meat,	14 07
J. A. Fuller, back for stove and two lifters,	1 25
J. A. Fuller, labor and hay,	8 80
J. A. Fuller, labor and clothing,	1 00
J. A. Fuller, cooking stove and other furniture,	25 00
	<hr/> \$978 00

## J. A. FULLER'S ACCOUNT.

Paid for groceries,	37 73
Henry Sheldon, fish and use of cart,	3 25
H. A. Sheldon, meadow hay and use of bull,	4 75
Jonathan Carter, groceries,	12 35
Irwin E. Morse, chopping wood,	20 15
William Reynolds, labor,	75
J. W. Murray, brush,	50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$79 48

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$79 48
Paid S. Richardson & Son, sawing logs,	3 88
L. Thompson, wood saw and glass,	80
L. Lewis, clothing,	2 75
A. P. Hartson, whip and oil and repairing harness,	1 75
M. N. Cobb, tinware and repairs,	1 50
G. L. Lewis, soap,	4 00
A. Jellison, labor,	1 25
D. H. Wyer, turkeys,	2 85
K. G. Kaime, standing grass,	10 00
M. Summerfield, clothing,	5 90
Horace Sheldon, pig,	6 00
Warren Eames, pig,	5 00
Charles Neville and Alden Howard, labor,	9 00
W. A. Holmes, groceries,	1 20
W. H. Conant, cow,	25 00
J. W. Murray, hens,	6 60
George Parker, tripe,	1 75
W. A. Holmes, groceries,	1 50
W. A. Holmes, groceries,	1 00
N. Jenkins, repairs on pump,	1 50
J. Sibley, labor,	1 00
A. Jellison, labor,	1 50
S. Nichols, fertilizer,	5 00
W. A. Holmes, groceries,	4 50
G. A. Sawyer, meat,	1 38
Peter White, cutting lumber,	2 00
Horace Sheldon, use of horse, harness, etc ,	3 87
L. Thompson, axe and handle,	1 10
D. Carter, cow,	25 00
H. N. Eames, dressing hogs,	6 00
J. T. Wild, sawing lumber,	5 41
J. E. Fowle, shoes,	75
Frank Hyde, labor,	2 50
Cobb & Mansfield, brooms,	85
Ewing & Locke, cabbage plants,	75
Horace Sheldon, use of horse and harness,	2 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$236 57



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$236 57
Paid Fisk, Cook & Co., labor,	7 00
H. N. Taft, cow,	24 00
N. Jenkins, repairs on pump,	2 00
W. A. Holmes, groceries,	2 08
S. Smith and E. Varney, labor,	4 00
John W. Perry, cart seat and repairs,	1 75
John Kehoe, labor,	17 50
W. A. Holmes, groceries,	20 02
L. Thompson, hoe and rake,	95
L. Martin and J. Stenners, labor,	3 60
A. Jellison, labor,	2 50
D. Larney, labor,	2 50
William Kimball, repairs on tinware,	60
R. F. Ellis, horseshoeing,	1 38
F. Crockett, three pigs,	5 50
for fresh fish,	9 75
poison,	95
clothing,	33
tramp book,	30
filing saw and hanging axe,	1 30
expenses to Boston,	2 57
smoking hams,	60
telegram,	25
grinding corn,	84
horseshoeing,	26
old railroad ties,	72
logging wheels,	50
use of wagon and fan mill,	1 10
straw,	91
house paper, lamp and chimneys,	28
repairs,	50
	<hr/> \$354 11

#### RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Received for milk,	88 11
labor,	45 89
board,	65 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$199 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$199 00
Received for lumber,	39 00
apples,	34 00
pork,	77 60
one cow,	60 00
one cow,	55 00
one cow,	78 00
calves,	10 00
vegetables,	9 01
ten flour barrels,	1 67
	<hr/> \$563 28

## OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid for supplies furnished Eldad Butters,	88
Edward A. Carter, board and expense of removing Charles P. Avery,	14 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, balance due for board of Mrs. Mary Brigden,	10 80
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board of Eva Sowersby,	189 24
Essex County House of Correction, board of Horace Hale,	13 14
Dr. J. P. Elliott, attendance on James O. Carter's family,	3 50
Dr. J. P. Elliott, attendance on the family of Thomas B. Flagg,	10 75
	<hr/> \$242 31

## TEMPORARY STATE AID FOR INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Paid G. W. Sidelinker,	35 14
Levi Swain, Jr.,	9 00
Thomas A. Bancroft,	9 00
Daniel Pearson,	10 16
James O. Carter,	11 14
James Kernan,	12 00
F. M. Boyington,	4 00
James H. Swain,	9 00
	<hr/> \$99 44

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Paid teacher of High School,	\$504 40
incidentals,	94 77
teacher of Centre School,	308 00
incidentals,	19 32
teacher of East School,	344 00
incidentals,	21 51
teacher of West School,	294 00
incidentals,	14 85
teacher of North School,	364 00
incidentals,	26 07
teacher of South School,	334 00
incidentals,	18 00
	<hr/> \$2342 52

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

WARREN EAMES, Agent.

## DR.

To books on hand at former settlement,	\$38 37
cash paid J. S. Hammett,	42 44
Knight, Adams & Co.,	20 86
	<hr/> \$101 67

## CR.

By cash received of Warren Eames,	\$63 88
books on hand,	37 79
	<hr/> \$101 67
To balance books on hand,	37 79

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## Librarian's Report.

The following is a list of donations to the library during the year in order of date :

From Hon. B. F. Butler,	8 vols.
Mrs. Abigail Crosby,	1
Dr. Hiller,	1
Hon. C. L. Flint,	1
State of Massachusetts,	10
Total number of donations,	21 vols.
Number of books purchased,	18
Number for circulation,	953
Number taken out during the year,	1472

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1878-79.

## DR.

To cash paid F. W. Barry, books,	5 23
Hill & Tolman, 149 catalogues,	35 00
F. W. Bird, books,	15 00
Mary Sheldon, book,	2 50
J. L. Parker, Woburn Journal,	2 00
G. W. Horton, book shelves,	1 00
Sundries,	4 01
Librarian's salary,	25 00
Cash in treasury,	38 10
	<hr/> \$127 84

## CR.

By cash on hand at former settlement,	20 03
from Town Treasurer,	35 00
for books sold,	3 10
twelve catalogues,	3 00
finer,	1 71
from Town Treasurer, January 21, 1879,	65 00
	<hr/> \$127 84

We very gratefully acknowledge the generous bequest of the late Joseph Burnap, Esq., of Alton, Ill., of two hundred dollars for the benefit of the Public Library of his native town, thus showing his kind regards for the improvement of the people of his native place, and remembrance of early associates and his own educational advantages here in Wilmington. May it stimulate others to do likewise, and cherish the memory of those who thus prove themselves public benefactors.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. SWAIN,

Treasurer and Librarian.

### APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

Amount of tax committed,

\$7073 14

APPROPRIATIONS.		EXPENDITURES.	
For Town Officers,	\$500 00	For Town Officers,	\$493 00
Roads and bridges,	300 00	Roads and bridges,	344 45
State aid,	100 00	State aid,	96 00
Miscellaneous exp.,	300 00	Miscellaneous exp.,	250 71
Interest,	450 00	Interest,	495 00
Library,	100 00	Library,	89 74
Schools,	1000 00	Schools,	1743 35
High School,	550 00	High School,	599 17
Support of poor,	1400 00	Support of poor,	1574 42
Highways,	1500 00	Highways,	1559 56
State tax,	300 00	State tax,	300 00
County tax,	216 71	County tax,	216 71
Overlayings,	356 43	Temporary State aid,	99 44
Total,	\$7073 14	Total,	\$7861 55

Expended for support of poor as given above,	\$1574 42
There was received at the Almshouse	\$563 28
	<hr/> \$1011 14
Paid for support of outside poor,	242 31
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Total expense at Almshouse,	\$768 83



# A Condensed Abstract from the Town's Books for the fiscal year ending Feb. 1, 1879. C. L. CARTER, Treasurer.

Dr. CASH. CONTRA. Cr.

To balance on hand on former settlement,	\$1,480 82	By cash paid town orders,	\$4,173 67
Cash received of County Treasurer, dog licenses,	90 40	do sundry bills for	643 02
S. B. Nichols, taxes collected, '75,	52 17	do do	313 07
do do	77, 2,465 43	do do	268 00
do do	78, 4,500 24	do do	365 51
do do	89 00	do do	368 85
for lots in cemetery,	11 21	do do	327 32
of State Treasurer, corporation tax,	115 29	do do	63 30
do do nat'l bank tax,	110 00	do do	2,000 00
do do acct. State aid,	218 48	do do	216 71
do do acct school fund,	7 35	do do	300 00
do do for old lumber from bridges and old cemetery,	12 50	do do	100 00
do do for town's note issued,	2,000 00	do do interest on town's indebtedness,	495 00
do do use of Town House,	12 50	do do commiss'n on sales book,	6 33
do do of Mrs. L. J. T. Burnap, executrix of the will of the late Joseph Burnap, a devise to the library,	200 00	Balance carried forward,	1,766 11
To balance brought forward,	\$11,352 89		
	1,766 11		

We, the undersigned, Auditors chosen on the part of the town to examine and settle the accounts of all the town officers, hereby certify that all the foregoing accounts have been carefully examined, and found to have been correctly kept and satisfactorily vouched for, and that we find remaining in the treasury, February 1, 1879, seventeen hundred and sixty-six dollars and eleven cents.

HENRY SHELDON, { Auditors.  
THOMAS P. EAMES, }

Wilmington, February 8, 1879.  
To the amount of \$1766 11  
Should be added the amount paid by Warren Eames on account of books sold, which was omitted to be credited before closing the books, 63 88  
Actual balance, \$1829 99

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to H. L. Carter, May 1, 1876.	\$1500 00
Benjamin Buck,	3000 00
Otis C. Buck,	1000 00
L. C. Eames,	1000 00
Darius Buck, October 1, 1876,	1100 00
H. M. Eames, trustee, May 1, 1876,	101 25
	<hr/> \$7701 25
Interest accrued to February 1, 1877.	331 17
Due West School,	\$71 27
North School, .	106 36
South School,	71 38
East School,	54 91
Centre School,	63 31
High School,	135 25
Outstanding town orders,	13 53
	<hr/> 516 00
	<hr/> \$8548 43

## ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	1829 99
Due on tax list, 1876,	17 60
Due on tax list, 1877,	221 71
Due on tax list, 1878,	2592 36
Due on account of State aid,	48 00
Aid to indigent soldiers,	99 44
	<hr/> 4809 10
Net indebtedness of the town,	<hr/> \$3739 33

# STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS. BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON, 1878.

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Date of Birth.
1	Hattie M. Fortis,	James M. and Susie H. Fortis.	January 14, 1878.
2	Julia Healey,	William and Mary Healey.	February 11, 1878.
3	Georgia A. Hall,	Austin W. and Emma E. Hall.	February 11, 1878.
4	Isabel Pringle,	George and Mary A. Pringle.	March 1, 1878.
5	John W. Baxter,	James A. and Jennie Baxter.	March 17, 1878.
6	Kate Lynch,	William and Mary Lynch.	April 18, 1878.
7	Nathan E. Carter,	George E. and Mary A. Carter.	April 27, 1878.
8	Henry W. Perry,	Benjamin F. and Mary Perry.	May 25, 1878.
9	Rosanna B. Mace,	Edward M. and Fanny J. Mace.	June 3, 1878.
10	Ann Doyle,	James and Kate E. Doyle.	June 11, 1878.
11	George L. Blaisdell,	Walter and Hattie L. Blaisdell.	June 20, 1878.
12	Peter McGrane,	Peter and Ann McGrane.	July 9, 1878.
13	Nellie P. Miller,	Charles O. and Laura A. Miller.	July 24, 1878.
14	Mary E. Mead,	Thomas and May Mead.	August 12, 1878.
15	Arnold D. Carter,	Walter D. and Mary E. Carter.	September 16, 1878.
16	Harry Richardson,	Edward C. and Annettie J. Richardson.	September 28, 1878.
17	Mary A. Grandfield,	John and Mary J. Grandfield.	September 29, 1878.
18	Charles H. Rice,	Samuel R. and Mary J. Rice.	October 20, 1878.
19	Thomas Talbot Sidelinker,	George W. and Mary A. Sidelinker.	November 7, 1878.
20	Annie F. Taylor,	Henry A. and Inez J. Taylor.	December 3, 1878.
21	Dana Healey,	James D. and Margaret Healey.	December 4, 1878.

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1878.

No.	Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.		Condi- tion.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Disease on Cause of Death.
			Y.	M. D.				
1	March 13	Gertie M. Eames	2	6 10	Single	Wilmington	John W. and Sarah P. Eames	Diphtheria
2	March 28	Sarah A. Nason	46	0 0	Married	Boston	Stephen and Lucy Worth	Consumption
3	May 20	Mary E. Martin	16	9 25	Single	Wilmington	Timothy and Sarah Martin	Consumption
4	June 15	Sarah E. Stockwell	37	0 0	Married	Not known		Funous
5	June 24	Ruth R. Gilman	85	0 0	Widow	Woburn, Mass.	— Russell	Heart disease
6	June 28	Lucy J. Rice	34	5 5	Married		Calvin and Clarissa Staples	Consumption
7	July 10	Peter McGrane	0	0 1	Child	Wilmington	Peter and Mary McGrane	Convulsions
8	August 3	Mary S. Gillis	83	7 0	Widow	Manchester, N. H.	John and Mary Stark	Cancer
9	September 9	Annie F. Nichols	21	1 14	Single	Wilmington	Saml. B. and Phebe M. Nichols	Consumption
10	September 9	Sarah P. Richardson	70	9 0	Widow	Burlington, Mass.	Samuel and Sarah Cutler	Heart disease
11	October 3	Henry W. Perry	0	4 9	Child	Wilmington	Benj. F. and Maria V. Perry	Fetling
12	November 4	John Addison	75	7 0	Married	England		
13	November 14	John B. Bancroft	36	0 0	Single	Wilmington	Timothy and Abigail Bancroft	Epilepsy

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1878.

No.	Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.
1	January 6	Alvin C. Phelps, Addie J. Orcutt.	23 18	Wilmington Tewksbury	Farmer	Tewksbury	Enoch B. and Mary Ann Phelps.
2	February 26	W. Herbert Slack, Lillian Mirick.	22 24	Wilmington Boston	Currier	North Reading Lynnfield	Joseph C. and Mary A. Orcutt. George W. and Elizabeth L. Slack.
3	March 20	Oscar E. Nichols, Frances E. Pearson.	21 19	Lawrence Wilmington	R. R. employe	New Jersey	Charles A. and Caroline D. P. Mirick. Norman and Mary Nichols.
4	April 11	Frank Morris, Nellie E. Cutting.	22 29	Wilmington Wilmington	Clerk	Wilmington	Daniel N. and Martha V. Pearson. Jonathan B. and Abbie Morris.
5	April 11	Edward C. Richardson, Annettie J. Blaisdell.	23 22	Wilmington Wilmington	Currier	Woburn	Edward W. and Esther Cutting. Clark F. and Hannah A. Richardson.
6	June 1	Charles M. Gowing, Carrie A. Green.	22 40	Wilmington Woburn	Butcher	Boston Wilmington	George L. and Lavinia J. Blaisdell. Micajah and Clarissa Gowing.
7	July 20	Frank E. Avery, Jane L. Kincaid.	51 40	Wilmington Woburn	Carpenter	Woburn	Hiram and Louisa Fisk. Charles P. and Maria Avery.
8	July 31	Albert T. Eames, Elsie M. Gould.	31 22	Wilmington Reading	Ice company employe	England Wilmington	John and Mary Addison. Thomas P. and Elona M. Eames.
9	July 24	Edgar N. Eames, Kate Gowing.	21 19	Wilmington Wilmington	Artist	East Boston Wilmington	Samuel E. and Nancy Gould. John N. and Sarah P. Eames.
10	August 15	Fred M. Carter, Barbara E. Coles.	22 22	Wilmington Wilmington	Ice company employe	Wilmington England	Charles M. and Maria Gowing. Otis and Abby Ann Carter.
11	September 19	Dan W. Boynton, Laura J. Butters.	20 17	Wilmington Wilmington	Currier	Shirley, Mass. Wilmington	George and Jane Coles. Frank M. and Diantha H. Boynton.
12	September 7	Albert H. Buxton, Ada E. Eames.	24 18	Wilmington Wilmington	Mechanic	North Reading Wilmington	Albert and Mary J. Butters. E. Bolls and Ruth Buxton.
13	September 8	Samuel R. Rice, Mary J. Gowing.	40 34	Billerica Wilmington	Carpenter	Boston Wilmington	Horatio N. and Eliza M. Eames. John and Mary Rice.
14	September 10	Willie E. Taylor, Hattie J. Bancroft.	19 19	Wilmington Wilmington	Currier	Wilmington Wilmington	Elbridge and Abby L. Taylor. Elbridge and Abby L. Taylor. Thomas A. and Mary Bancroft.



## MARRIAGES—Continued:

15	September 21	William H. Johnson, Susie E. Flanders.	41	Wilmington	Painter	Worcester, Mass.	William S. and Mary M. Johnson.
16	October 17	John R. Button, Abbie C. Buck.	39	Wilmington	Restaurant pro- prietor	Newburyport	Joseph F. and Sarah W. Flanders.
17	October 14	Martin F. Holt, Ella L. Carter.	29	Lawrence	Butcher	New Jersey	John and Mary A. Button.
18	November 28	John H. Simpson, Anna L. Swain.	22	Wilmington	Butcher	Wilmington	Nathan E. and Alvira Buck.
			24	Wilmington		Wilmington	Timothy and Mary A. Holt.
			21	Wilmington		Wilmington	William and Susan A. Carter.
			29	Wilmington		North Reading	William F. and Phebe F. Simpson.
			27	Wilmington		Wilmington	Levi, Jr., and Louisa Swain.

# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1878-9.

We here present the following table of statistics of the schools in Wilmington, to which we invite attention :

Name of School.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Term.....	Length of Term, months.	Salary per month
East School,	Miss Lottie E. Converse.	29	24	First	3	\$32 00
do	do	24	21	Second	3	32 00
do	do	20	15	Third	2	32 00
North School,	Miss Anna S. Colburn,	38	35	First	2 3-4	28 00
do	do	38	35	Second	3	28 00
do	do	32	22	Third	1 3-4	28 00
Centre School,	Miss Cornelia Bancroft,	23	20 1-4	First	3	28 00
do	do	26	23 1-5	Second	3	28 00
do	do	29	22 1-2	Third	2	28 00
South School,	Miss Jessie E. Macdonald,	29	26 1-3	First	3	28 00
do	do	29	21 1-3	Second	3	28 00
do	do	24	18 2-3	Third	1 1-2	28 00
High School,	Miss Salome G. Twitchell,	26	23 1-3	First	3	48 00
do	Mr. Frank Carter,	26	21 1-2	Second	3	48 00
do	do	24		Third		48 00

The above table, compiled from the school registers, gives the number of different scholars in all the schools in town to be 156; while the return of the Assessors gives the number of children in town on the 1st day of last May, between the ages of five and fifteen, to be 171. Now, making all due allowance for those attending school out of town, and those physically disqualified from attending school, and the number of children not found in any of the public

schools seems unnecessarily and fearfully large. It is a subject that should interest every one to seek to prevent such a waste of school opportunities. Irregular attendance by scholars, also, is a very serious evil which ought to be strenuously guarded against by both parents and scholars. We are glad to note that in the five districts for the first term thirty-three scholars have not been absent a single day. We hope this may encourage all the scholars in future to do as well, and take pains to be *constant* and *punctual*, and you will be the gainers yourselves, the teacher encouraged, and the school greatly improved.

In submitting this our annual report of the condition of the public schools of the town, and the degree of progress attained, the committee are deeply sensible of their inability to accurately state just the amount of knowledge, or indeed just what improvement, has been made in manners and deportment during the year. Yet we are very confident that the several teachers have labored with diligence and fidelity in their respective schools, and have had the best results for their pupils constantly in view. Some of them brought to their aid and assistance experience and close observation, which made their influence of such a character as will be gratefully cherished by both scholars and friends. It is just here where the influence of the teacher in all his difficult work comes to make our schools and our school influence more efficient in all the great purposes for which schools are established and maintained.

We are inclined to the opinion, from the evidence that we have seen, that the present year is fully up to the average of preceeding years in the matter of substantial progress and improvement of the several classes in each of our schools. Still it may well be claimed that the one hundred and fifty-four children in all our schools furnish the best proof, and indeed are the true representatives, of the moulding and elevating power of the schools. Its influence is thus diffused through the community, and ultimately beyond the present limits of the town, while it cheers every household where the scholar enters and gladdens every heart that notes the development and enlarged capacity for knowledge and usefulness. And where this is not true, and seen to be true, there is something wrong ; it may be from the failure of parents to co-operate with the teacher in all proper efforts for the best interest of the child, as a pupil in the school maintained for the instruction of all the children. Or, if parents fail to form some just

and adequate estimate of the value and importance of school advantages to their children, then this will soon be found to exert an influence directly in opposition to all that is good coming through our schools. Such low estimates made by parents, guardians and friends is a wrong done to the children. It will serve only to make their attendance less constant, and partially, if not altogether, to lose their interest, until the school becomes an object of dread and disgust, and while this is the case of any, we feel there is little hope for him through school appliances. We therefore would most respectfully say to parents, do not on any account aid or encourage your children in disregarding school advantages, in any way or manner, but, as you value their present comfort and happiness, their future prosperity and welfare, teach them to think well of the school and its exercises, to be constant in attendance, and their obedience to all proper rules will become comparatively easy, and the school profitable and pleasant to both teacher and scholars.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

This school met with changes not anticipated at the beginning of the year. Miss Twitchell, whose connection as teacher of this school had made a most salutary impression, not only on her pupils but generally upon this community as an able and efficient teacher, commenced the spring term as usual under favorable circumstances, but near the middle of this important term was forced, by failing health, to give up her charge and retire from the school. In doing so, she generously furnished her own substitute in the person of Miss Lucia H. Connor, much to the satisfaction and relief of the committee. Miss Connor carried the school through to the close of the term with remarkable ability and adaptation to the circumstances of her position. The exercises of the closing examination under her management were made very pleasant to the numerous friends and visitors present, when, at the close, the following persons graduated, receiving their diplomas from the hand of Rev. Daniel P. Noyes—Nellie M. Carter, Irene L. Harnden, Andrew Casneau, Albert W. Lowe, Mary J. Pearson. Then the occasion was improved by some remarks and especially some good advice to the graduates by Mr. Noyes, who said, "Never think or feel that here your education ends." And now we are impressed with a sense of obligation to those who have labored

for our benefit and improvement, and here express our regards for Miss Twitchell, not only for her general influence in this community, but also for her eminent ability and success as a teacher in Wilmington.

As the next teacher of this school, the committee were very glad in being able to secure the services of Mr. Frank Carter, who entered this school at the beginning of the fall term and has continued to share in the confidence of the committee, as being a most *enthusiastic* and *thorough* teacher, whose system already has commended itself to many of the scholars, and will ultimately to all, as the course of study is pursued. We, in closing this meagre report, will only say that we hope the town will make its usual appropriation of money, so that its citizens may efficiently co-operate together for the right and proper education of all its children.

LEMUEL C. EAMES,	}	School
WARREN EAMES,		
JAMES A. SHEPARD,		Committee.

Wilmington, February 14, 1879.



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

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MIDDLESEX, ss.

*To Thomas A. Bancroft, Constable of the Town of Wilmington,  
Greeting.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town House, on Monday, the third day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, viz. :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at the said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will fix the salaries of the town officers, or what they will do about it.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To hear the report of committees, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to defray annual expenses, and pay town debts.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the select school for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways, and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 10. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

ART. 11. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 13. To see what instruction the town will give the Assessors in regard to illegal sales of real estate sold for taxes.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to the fishing interests in this town.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate twenty-five dollars to stock Silver Lake with black bass.

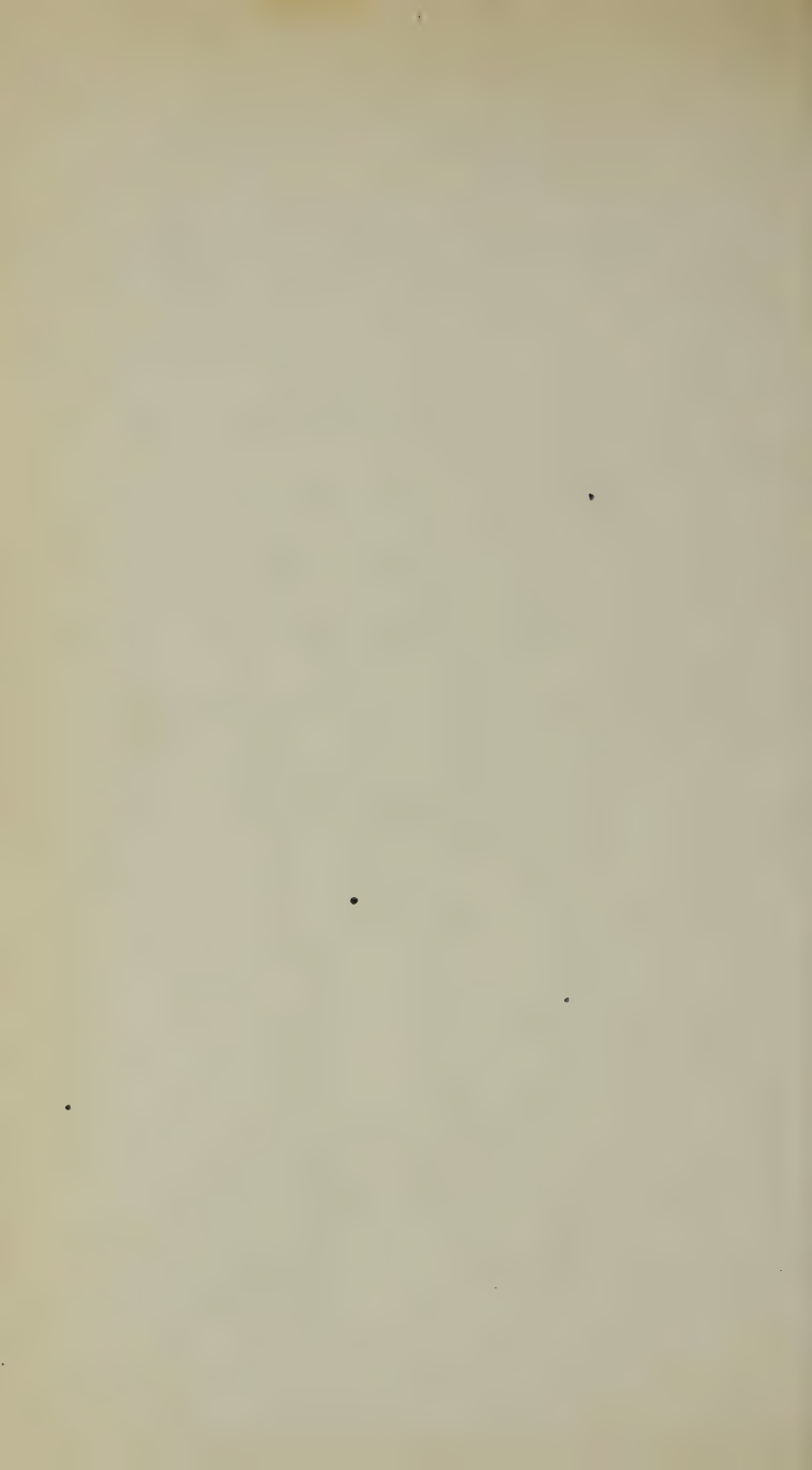
ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to have a well dug and stoned at or near the Town House, with a suitable apparatus for drawing water.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to pay a bounty of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to John H. Simpson and to George H. Baird for enlisting in the army to the credit of the town of Wilmington.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

EDWARD A. CARTER,	} Selectmen of Wilmington.
N. B. EAMES,	
O. C. BUCK,	



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON.

From February 1st, 1879, to February 1st, 1880,

—AND—

Report of the School Committee,

For the School Year 1879-80.

AND ALSO THE

Report of the Librarian.



READING:

NEWS AND CHRONICLE, JOB PRINT,

1880.





# Town Officers for 1879.

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*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

EDWARD A. CARTER, CHAIRMAN.

OTIS C. BUCK,

THOMAS F. GOWING.

*Town Clerk.*

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

*Town Treasurer.*

CYRUS L. CARTER.

*School Committee.*

OTHNIEL EAMES,	Term expires, March, 1882
LEMUEL C. EAMES,	" " 1881
JAMES A. SHEPARD,	" " 1880

*Trustees of Public Library.*

WARREN EAMES,	Term expires March, 1882
JAMES A. SHEPARD,	" " 1882
CHARLES W. SWAIN,	" " 1881
OTHNIEL EAMES,	" " 1881
HENRY HILLER,	" " 1880
LEMUEL C. EAMES,	" " 1880

*Treasurer and Librarian.*

ARTHUR BUCK.

*Collector of Taxes.*

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS. Died May, 14th, 1879.

DARIUS BUCK, appointed to fill vacancy.

*Constable.*

THOMAS A. BANCROFT.

*Auditors of Accounts.*

THOMAS P. EAMES, CHAIRMAN, LEMUEL C. EAMES.  
HENRY SHELDON.

*Fence Viewers.*

HENRY SHELDON, Chairman, THOMAS P. EAMES,  
C. F. HARRIS.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*HENRY SHELDON, SILAS BROWN, EDWARD A. CARTER,  
LORENZO BUTTERS, EDWARD M. NICHOLS.*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*H. BREWSTER NICHOLS, HENRY SHELDON, EDWARD A.  
CARTER, LORENZO BUTTERS, Z. T. WHITE.*Public Weigher of Merchandise.*

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

*Field Drivers.*OTHNIEL EAMES, J. WARREN KELLOM, CHARLES  
HOPKINS, C. F. HARRIS, GEORGE T. EAMES.*Pound Keeper.*

JAMES A. SHEPARD.

*Surveyors of Highways.*Dist. No. 1, ASA POTTER, 2, WM. H. CARTER, 2nd, 3, N. B.  
EAMES, 4, HORACE SHELDON, 5, HENRY BUCK,  
6, ELBRIDGE TAYLOR, 7, CHARLES HOPKINS, 8, HIRAM  
BANCROFT, 9, GEORGE McINTOSH, 10, CHARLES F.  
HARRIS, 11, EDWARD MEARS, 12, JOHN F. WILDE,  
13, SYLYESTER CARTER.*Superintendent of Almshouse.*

CHARLES M. GOWING.

*List of Jurors Revised in Oct. 1879.*

DARIUS BUCK,	Z. T. WHITE
JONATHAN CARTER,	EDWARD A. CARTER,
WM. H. CARTER, 2nd,	HENRY W. EAMES,
OTIS C. BUCK,	OTHNIEL EAMES,
THOMAS P. EAMES,	JONATHAN B. MORRIS,
WARREN EAMES,	ASA POTTER,
WARD PARKER,	GEORGE F. COOK.

*Superintendent of Cemetery.*

SAMUEL B. NICHOLS.

Paid County Treasurer \$106.20 on account of Dog Licenses in 1879.  
WM. H. CARTER, Town Clerk.

# Report of Selectmen and Assessors.

## EXPENSE OF TOWN OFFICERS :

Paid Edward A. Carter for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.	\$125 00
" Otis C. Buck for services as Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of the Poor,	100 00
" Thomas F. Gowing for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.	5 00
" William H. Carter for services as Town Clerk,	15 00
" Cyrus L. Carter for services as Town Treasurer,	50 00
" Darius Buck for services as Collector of Taxes,	100 00
" Darius Buck for collecting the uncollected taxes for the years 1876, 1877 & 1878,	75 00
" Thomas A. Bancroft for services as Constable,	25 00
" Lemuel C. Eames for services as School Com- mittee,	20 00
" Othniel Eames, " " "	15 00
" James A Shepard, " " "	15 00
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	\$545 00

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS :

The amount expended by the several Surveyors, viz:

Dist. No. 1.	Paid Asa Potter,	\$95 85
" 2.	" William H. Carter, 2nd,	93 55
" 3.	" Nathan B. Eames,	125 16
" 4.	" Horace Sheldon,	107 41
" 5.	" Henry Buck,	125 78
" 6.	" Elbridge Taylor,	85 32
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	<i>Amount carried forward.</i>	\$633 07

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$633 07
" 7. " Charles Hopkins,	89 98
" 8. " Hiram Bancroft,	78 20
" 9. " George W. McIntosh,	100 03
" 10. " Charles F. Harris,	89 95
" 11. " Edward Mears,	75 00
" 12. " John T. Wild,	123 10
" 13. " Sylvester Carter,	90 95
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	\$1280 28

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Henry Buck for laying drain pipe,	\$ 1 66
" John T. Wild repairing road scraper,	4 00
" Chas. F. Harris extra highway work, Dist. No. 10,	7 00
" Osgood A. Carter for cutting brush,	2 00
" N. B. Eames laying drain pipe,	5 00
" H. Allen Sheldon extra highway work, District No. 4,	25 00
" Otis C. Buck railing roads and bridges,	5 50
" William H. Carter, 2nd extra highway work, Dis- trict No. 2,	17 17
" Edward A. Carter for work on bridges and cut- ting brush,	2 87
" Edward Mears, culvert work,	10 50
" Elbridge Taylor, laying drain pipe,	5 50
" Gilman Gowing, building fence,	2 00
" William H. Putnam, repairing road scraper,	63
" James Buel & Co., for drain pipe,	21 60
" W. W. Carter, for lumber and work on bridge,	50
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	\$110 93

## REMOVING SNOW.

District No. 1,	\$10 82
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/>
	10 82

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	10 82
District No. 2,	7 85
“ 3,	11 99
“ 4,	17 17
“ 5,	12 60
“ 6,	11 71
“ 7,	6 58
“ 8,	4 16
“ 9,	50
“ 10,	9 09
“ 11,	14 58
“ 12,	10 00
“ 13,	9 00
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	\$126 05

#### REPAIRING READING ROAD :

Paid C. F. Harris for repairing the road leading to	
Reading,	\$200 00
Expense of well and pump at Town House :	
Paid H. Allen Sheldon for digging, stoning and ce-	
menting well at the Town House,	\$153 00
“ J. A. Ames, cement for well,	1 75
“ Charles C. Holt for pump and platform,	31 50
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	\$186 25

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES :

Paid Henry Buck, for labor on South School House	
and Pump,	\$ 9 33
“ J. A. Eames, for lead, oil, padlock and rope	
for cemetery, and spikes,	8 53
“ C. T. Tolman, for printing 400 Town Reports	
and 100 posters,	42 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	59 86



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	59 86
<b>Paid Warren Eames for wood furnished the Town</b>	
House sawing and housing the same,	11 50
" Stevens & Conant, for legal services,	10 00
" George L. Perry, repairing pump,	1 50
" William H. Carter, 2nd, for police service,	2 00
" Thomas A. Bancroft, " "	4 00
" Levi Swain, Jr., " "	4 00
" Edward M. Nichols, " "	4 00
" John H. Simpson, " "	4 00
" Edward M. Nichols, care of Town Hall,	10 00
" " " care of cemetery.	15 00
" " " ringing bell,	5 00
" " " writing paper, matches and broom,	97
" Edward M. Nichols, express on paid books,	15
" " " repairing window in Town Hall,	25
" Fred Cady, painting flag staff and material,	15 25
" E. A. Carter, tax book for Collector and invoice book,	1 35
" E. A. Carter, postage, express, paper & car fare,	5 45
" Otis C. Buck, repairs on clock and car fare,	1 50
" " " repairs on pump, and dippers and chains,	3 50
" John W. Perry, repairs on tomb and hearse,	4 50
" William H. Carter, to recording and mailing returns to the Secretary of the Commonwealth,	
20 births,	10 00
19 deaths,	5 70
7 marriages,	1 05
to journey to Reading to qualify Representatives,	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> 182 53

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	182 53
Paid William H. Carter, postage and express matter,	3 00
blanks for dog licenses,	1 25
Paid Everett G. Avery, for tax bills and summonses,	4 25
" Edward M. Nichols, returning deaths to Town Clerk,	4 75
" Jonathan Carter, for screws, oils and nails,	1 73
" H. T. Johnson & Co., for town order book,	6 00
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	\$203 51

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

## WARREN EAMES, AGENT.

## DR.

To books on at former settlement,	\$37 79
To cash paid Adams & Co.,	31 91
"                    "	7 89
To cash paid Cowperthwait,	17 37
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	94 96

## CR.

By cash received of Warren Eames,	\$52 93
Books on hand,	42 03
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	94 96
To balance books on hand,	42 03

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THEIR LAST ANNUAL MEETING, VIZ:

## AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED.

For Town Officers,	\$500 00
roads and bridges,	350 00
support of highways,	1500 00
state aid,	275 00
interest on town notes,	500 00
library,	50 00
miscellaneous,	250 00
common schools,	1000 00
select schooling,	550 00
support of poor,	1400 00
stocking Silver Lake,	
with fish,	25 00
repairs on Reading road,	200 00
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	\$6600 00

## AMOUNT EXPENDED.

For Town Officers,	\$545 00
roads and bridges,	110 93
support of highways,	1406 05
state aid,	144 00
interest on town notes,	519 33
miscellaneous expenses,	203 51
common schools,	1349 13
select school,	556 96
support of poor	1376 46
stocking Silver Lake	
with fish,	5 00
repairs on Reading road,	200 00
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	\$6416 37

## STATE AID.

Paid widow Mary A. Phelps,	\$ 48 00
“ Phoebe F. Simpson,	48 00
“ Rachael Clough,	48 00
	<hr/> \$144 00

Temporary State Aid for indigent soldiers:

Paid Henry E. Stickney,	\$60 00
February, 1879, George N. Chase,	9 00
“ “ Timothy D. Upton,	9 00
	<hr/> 78 00

## VALUATION FOR 1879.

Real Estate,	\$483,832
Personal Estate,	79,088
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Total valuation,	\$562,920
Amount of taxes assessed in 1879,	\$6966 71
Rate of taxation for general tax, \$12.00 per \$1000.	

## ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

For 1876, Darius Buck, collector,	\$10 19
1877 “ “	124 72
	<hr/> \$134 91

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm,	\$4000 00
Personal Property at Town farm,	1166 67
Town house,	1800 00
School houses and furniture,	6800 00
Town scales and scales office,	250 00
Two hearses,	350 00
Hearse house,	100 00
Cemetery land and lots,	450 00
Furniture in Town Hall and Selectmens offices.	90 00
Public library and furniture,	1000 00
Cedar posts and poles,	2 00
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	\$16,008 67

EDWARD A. CARTER,	} Selectmen and Assessors of Wilmington.
OTIS C. BUCK,	
THOMAS F. GOWING.	

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

## NAMES AND AGES OF INMATES OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

Registered No.	NAMES.	AGE.	REMARKS.
5	Lousia Purtt,	75	
7	Fanny Butters,	39	
8	Albert Carter.	60	
12	Elbridge Butters,	74	
36	Clarrisa Reed,	84	
22	Charlotte Butters,	8	
40	Charles P. Avery,	67	
41	Horace Hale,	21	

Whole number during the year, 8

Present number, 8

Four hundred and thirty-six lodgings and one thousand and twelve meals have been furnished to vagrants.

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, FEB. 1, 1880.

Live Stock,	\$240 00
Farming Tools, etc,	349 65
Provisions,	115 85
Wood and Lumber,	116 50
Household Furniture,	332 67
Contents of Lobby,	12 00
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	\$1166 67

## EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid J. A. Ames, for groceries and grain,	\$156 02	
John W. Perry, blacksmith work,	2 30	
Jonathan Carter, groceries and grain	152 01	
Henry Sheldon, for cow,	38 00	
J. A. Fuller, salary two months,	50 00	
J. R. Currier, for crackers,	43 00	
C. M. Gowing, salary ten months,	250 00	
A. Ellis, for groceries,	14 05	
C. M. Gowing, ballance due on settlement,	36 80	
Dr. J. P. Elliott, professional services,	18 25	
Dr. Charles Jordan, " "	30 00	
George E. Carter, for meat,	21 99	
George L. Perry, blacksmith work,	8 38	
Arthur O. Buck, for meat,	16 48	
J. O. Richardson, to casks and making cider,	8 20	
Warren Eames, for meat,	23 67	
Simeon Jaquith, repairing farm wagon,	75	
J. Harvey Carter, for meat,	17 94	
Thomas McDonald for fish,	5 62	
E. A. Carter, for carpenter work at almshouse,	10 00	
B. F. Perry for housing cart four years,	4 00	
E. B. Carter, for shingles,	3 00	
Geo. A. Robinson, carpenter work at almshouse,	7 00	
John T. Wild, sawing lumber and a lot of hay,	8 16	
		<hr/> \$925 62

## J. A. Fuller's account at Almshouse:

Paid for coal,	\$3 25	
" " meal,	1 77	
" " groceries,	50	
		<hr/> \$5 52



## Charles M. Gowing's account at Almshouse :

Paid for groceries,	\$21 66
“ hard-ware,	12 32
“ tin-ware,	6 66
“ boots and shoes,	5 75
“ dry goods and clothing,	26 85
“ oil cloth,	5 51
“ fish,	4 22
“ soap,	13 50
“ medicine,	35 67
“ meat and poultry,	11 35
“ curing hams,	1 60
“ Eames Brothers, butchering hogs,	3 00
“ fruit and vegetables,	7 25
“ grass seed,	3 50
“ fertilizer,	2 25
“ labor in the alms house,	11 85
“ washing machine and basket,	2 00
“ filing saws,	1 00
“ H. Allen Sheldon for use of bull,	2 25
“ repairs on harness, and oil,	4 87
“ W. F. Cook for whitening,	3 00
“ N. Jenkins repairing pumps,	5 50
“ J. A. Fuller, balance due on settlement.	27
	<hr/> \$191 83

## OUTSIDE POOR SUPPLIED.

Paid for wood furnished C. Morrill,	\$3 00
“ aid furnished James H. Swain,	2 96
“ Worcester Insane Asylum for board of Eva Lowersby,	171 44
“ J. A. Ames for goods delivered C. Nevins,	4 10
“ aid furnished Horace Hale,	24 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$205 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$205 50
" Master of House of Correction for support of Stephen Frye,	12 22
" city of Haverhill for aid furnished George H. Baird,	10 30
" Thomas A. Bancroft for arresting and se- curing tramps,	10 75
" for aid furnished William Alexander,	12 22
" Charles F. Harris for arresting tramps,	2 50
	<hr/> \$253 49

## RECEIPTS AT ALMS HOUSE.

Received for cows,	\$100 00
" calves,	10 83
" milk and butter,	33 42
" eggs,	2 40
" cranberries,	3 00
" plough,	8 00
" wood and lumber,	9 60
" board,	6 00
	<hr/> \$173 25

## SUMMARY EXPENSES.

Total expense at almshouse,	\$1122 97
receipts                   "	<hr/> 173 25
Net expense at almshouse,	\$949 72
Expense outside,	<hr/> 253 49
Net expense of poor inside and outside almshouse,	\$1203 21

EDWARD A. CARTER,	} Overseers of the Poor.
OTIS C. BUCK,	
THOMAS F. GOWING,	

## Report of the Fish Committee

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The Committee on Fisheries respectfully submit the following report :

Your committee, immediately after their appointment, took steps to obtain a lease of Silver Lake, for the production of black bass. Owing to delays occasioned by the existence of a former lease, this was not secured until the 10th of September last. It binds the town to put into Silver Lake not less than one hundred fish of an average weight of a pound and a half, within a year ; but the Chairman of the Fish Commission has since informed us that thirty good black bass would be considered satisfactory, and a fulfilment of the town's obligation.

Last September we learned of no way in which the fish could be procured, of the required sort, for less than a dollar each, and for this the appropriation was insufficient. The season closed in October and nothing was done.

This Spring we have received from Robert R. Holmes, of East Wareham, an offer to deliver in Boston thirty black bass, of from 1 1-2 to 3 1-2 pounds weight, for \$38, which seems to us a reasonable price ; and we propose, if the town will enable us to accept it, to have the fish put into the pond at the earliest possible date.

The practicability of restoring to Ipswich River and its branches the abundant supply of alewives which our older inhabitants remember, has also engaged our attention. We conceive this, indeed, to be the most important object that falls within the scope of this committee. By a study of the maps, by correspondence with town authorities, and by personal visitation, we have satisfied ourselves that there now remains but one dam unsupplied with a fish-way, between Wilmington and the sea. This is at the paper mill in Middleton. This fact has been reported to the State Commissioners, who encourage us to go on, and to put into our brooks this Spring all the alewives that we can get. We hope to obtain them in large numbers, and then, in four years, to see large results.

The expenses of the committee have been \$5, the cost of the lease. We ask an appropriation, this year, of \$50, in addition to the unexpended balance of \$20, to meet the cost of procuring black bass for the pond, and alewives and other fish for the brooks.

Your committee also recommended the creation of a permanent Board of Fish Wardens, to look after all the fishing interests of the town ; that this board consist of three persons, first chosen, respectively, for one, and two, and three years ; and that hereafter such yearly elections be made as shall keep the number full.

JOHN F. WILD,	}	Committee.
H. ALLEN SHELDON,		
DANIEL P. NOYES,		

Wilmington, Feb 13, 1880.

# Public Library.

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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Public Documents from Washington, D. C.,	6 vols	
From Mrs. S. E. Spaulding,	1 "	
Mrs. Frank Boynton,	1 "	
Mr. John T. Wild,	1 "	
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Total number of donations,	9 vols.	
Number of books taken out during the year,	1538	
" persons taking out books,	284	
Cash received for 5 catalogues,	\$1 25	
" fines,	2 28	
	<hr/>	\$3 53
Cash paid for express on books,	35	
" paper to cover books,	40	
Balance,	2 78	
	<hr/>	\$3 53

ARTHUR O. BUCK, *Librarian.*

# A Condensed Abstract from the Town's Books for the Fiscal year ending Feb. 1, 1880; C. L. CARTER, Treasurer. DR. CASH. PER CONTRA. CR.

To balance on hand on former settlement,	\$1,829 99	By cash paid Town orders,	\$4,078 89
Cash received of C. F. Harris,	2 50	County to two soldier \$125 each,	250 00
County treasurer, dog licenses,	109 37	" Sundry bills for high school,	556 96
S. B. Nichols, acct. tax, 1878, col.,	450 00	" " North,	281 65
" " " 1873,	410 00	" " South,	274 14
Darius Buck, tax, 1877, col.,	254 00	" " East,	281 55
" " " 1878, " "	1,142 00	" " West,	254 20
" " " 1879, " "	5,580 70	" " Center,	257 59
Lovejoy, pedler,	3 00	for books,	57 17
State treasurer corporation tax,	13 07	interest on town notes,	519 33
" " National bank tax,	97 06	Town notes,	1750 00
State aid,	92 00	State tax,	150 00
relief of soldiers,	15 00	County tax,	216 71
school fund income,	216 93	school committee,	50 00
Warren James, on book acct,	52 93	on sales purchased for acct. town at tax sales,	1 56
E. M. Nichols, use of town house,	11 00	" D. Buck expenses for selling land for taxes,	66 14
" lots in cemetery,	9 00	Balance carried forward,	1,242 66
To balance brought forward,	\$10,288 55		\$10,288 55
	1,242 66		

The undersigned a committee chosen on the part of the town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly cast and properly vouched for, and they find remaining in the treasury twelve hundred and forty-two dollars and 66 cents.

WILMINGTON, FEB. 7, 1880.

THOMAS P. EAMES,  
 L. G. EAMES,  
 HENRY SHILDON. } Committee.



## Liabilities of the Town.

Note to Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1876,	\$2000 00
H. L. Carter, "	1500 00
L. C. Eames, "	750 00
Otis C. Buck, "	500 00
A. M. Eames, trustee, "	119 47
Darius Buck, Oct. 1, 1876,	1100 00
	—————\$5969 47
Interest accrued on above,	\$241 10
Due High School,	\$128 29
North "	89 96
South "	62 49
East "	38 63
West "	82 34
Centre "	71 98
	—————\$473 69
Outstanding Town Orders,	83 43
Burnap Library Fund,	200 00
	—————\$6967 69

## ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	\$1242 66
Due from estate of S. B. Nichols,	117 45
on tax lists of 1876-77-78,	583 20
"    1879,	1595 75
on State aid,	144 00
State aid to indigent soldiers,	112 44
Aid to indigent soldiers,	30 00
	—————\$3825 50
Net Indebtedness of the Town,	\$3142 19

# Statistics from Town Clerk's Records

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1879.

No.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	DATE OF BIRTH.
1	May Lillian Boynton,	Daniel W. and Laura J. Boynton,	January 26, 1879.
2	Georgianna Doucett,	Joseph and Annie Doucett,	February 4, 1879.
3	Emma Elizabeth Killom,	Warren J. and Esther E. Killom,	February 17, 1879.
4	Henry Columbe,	Alexander and Delia Columbe,	March 9, 1879.
5	Fred Alonzo Taylor,	Henry A. and Inez J. Taylor,	March 27, 1879.
6	Carl Augustus Cady,	Frederick A. and Abbie A. Cady,	May 17, 1879.
7	Marrion Holt,	Martin F. and Ella L. Holt,	June 27, 1879.
8	George Melvin Taylor,	Charles A. and Susan M. Taylor,	July 14, 1879.
9	Cora Pratt Cole,	Samuel F. and Mary E. Cole,	July 27, 1879.
10	Fred Sears Frost,	William A. and Phebe E. Frost,	July 30, 1879.
11	Thomas L. Doucett,	Jerry and Dorrett Doucett,	August 25, 1879.
12	Frank L. Carter,	Henry L. and Charlotte A. Carter,	August 29, 1879.
13	Addie Kernon,	James and Mary Kernon,	September 3, 1879.
14	Willie Percy Taylor,	Willie E. and Hatie A. Taylor,	September 22, 1879.
15	Wallace Richardson,	Edward C. and Annette J. Richardson,	October 6, 1879.
16	Ernest Royden Carter,	William W. and Henrietta V. Carter,	October 7, 1879.
17	Arthur Raymond Carter,	William W. and Sarah L. Carter,	December 2, 1879.
18	Nellie Maud Woodman;	Charles H. and Lizzie B. Woodman,	December 5, 1879.
19	Windrop Brewster Fames,	Warren and Elizabeth A. Fames,	December 26, 1879.
20	Benjamin Buck Blaisdell,	Walter J. and Hatie L. Blaisdell,	December 30, 1879.

# Deaths Registered in Wilmington, 1879.

No.	Date of death.	Name of deceased.	Age. Y. M. D.	Condition.	Place of birth.	Names of parents.	Disease, or cause of death.
1	Feb. 5	Mary Calahan,	66	Married.	Ireland.	Owen & Arabella Carline	Pneumonia
2	" 13	Jacob Jaquith,	81 9	Married.	Wilmington.	Jacob & Rachel Jaquith	Consumption
3	" 15	Phebe G. Swain,	82 11	Married.	Wilmington.	Daniel & Abigail Gowing	Pneumonia
4	Feb. 1	Timothy Ford,	25	Married.	Ireland.	James & Mary Ford	Mortification
5	" 10	Jonathan Buck,	83 3	Widower.	Wilmington.	Nathan & Betsey Buck	Ty'd Pneumonia
6	" 27	Betsey Carter,	85	Widow.	Jaffrey, N. H.	Jacob & Elizabeth Newell	Paralysis
7	" 27	Minnie C. Pearson,	2 4	Child.	Wilmington.	Chas. O. & A. E. Pearson	Diphtheria
8	Apr 11	Benjamin F. Philbrick,	36	Single.	Wolfsboro, N. H.	Franklin & Mary Philbrick	Consumption
9	" 12	Louisa Butters,	71 11 3	Single.	Wilmington.	Leami & Sarah Butters	Dropsy
10	" 21	Annie Doyle,	10 11	Child.	Wilmington.	James & Catherine Doyle	Pneumonia
11	May 14	Samuel B. Nichols,*	67 5 12	Married.	Wilmington.	Charles & Sally Nichols	Consumption
12	" 28	Charles A. Nichols,*	39	Married.	Lowell, Mass.	Chas. A. & S. D. Nichols	Consumption
13	June 1	John Baird,	77	Married.	Ireland.	George & Margaret Baird	Disease of Kidneys
14	July 16	Joannah Harrey,	79	Widow.	Ireland.	Unknown.	Dysentery
15	Sept. 5	Amasa E. Clark,	68	Married.	Rutland, Vt.	Cephas & Deborah Clark	Dropsy
16	" 7	Mary Carter,	81 9 21	Widow.	Newchester, N. H.	Lewis & Mary Norris	Old Age
17	Oct. 1	George E. Martin,	16 1	Child.	Wilmington.	Timothy & Sarah Martin	Consumption
18	Nov. 28	Ann Kelleet,	22	Married.	Ireland.	Thos. & Margaret Brady	Consumption
19	Dec. 7	Albert W. Clough,	26 1	Single.	Boston, Mass.	Jos. E. & Rachel Clough	Consumption
20	" 31	Benjamin B. Blaisdell.	1	Child.	Wilmington.	Walter J. & H. L. Blaisdell	Convulsions

\* Died in Village Co. Hospital, in the city of Milwaukee. Place of interment, Potlert's Field.

# Marriages Registered in Wilmington in 1879.

No.	Date of Mar'ge	Names Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.
1	1879 Jan. 16	J. Warren Kellom, E. Lizzie Buck,	24 25	Wilmington, "	Railroad Sec Man,	Wilmington, "	Oliver J and Betsey Kellom, Otis C and Esther Buck.
2	Mar. 26	Fred Gowing, Lizzie F. Richardson,	23 23	" Billerica, Mass.,	Musician, Farmer,	East Boston, Wilmington,	Chas M and Maria Gowing, Warren and E. Richardson,
3	July 17	Herbert C. Pearson, Fannie L. Nichols,	21 19	Wilmington, Andover, Mass.,	Farmer, Laborer,	Wilmington, Andover, Mass.,	Abiel P & Sarah A Pearson, Isaac H & Mary A Nichols,
4	Sep. 16	John Cashman, Mary Murrey,	29 24	Wilmington, "	Wilmington, "	Ireland, Pittsfield, Me,	Patrick & Margaret Cashman, John and Kate L. Murrey,
5	Sep. 30	Wm. H. Carter, 2nd, Lizzie J. Harnden,	35 21	" "	Trader,	Burlington, Mass, Tewksbury, Mass.,	William and Susan A Carter, Everell and Julia Harnden,
6	Oct. 30	Wesley Nason, Sarah A. Nichols,	40 44	" "	Farmer,	Kennebunk Port, Me, Londonderry, N. H.,	Joseph and Jane Nason, John and Hannah March,
7	Dec. 16	Charles N. Vilas, Elizabeth L. Harrington,	27 24	New York City, Wilmington,	Fifth Ave Hotel Clerk	Alstead, N H, Camden, Me,	Cyrus K & Clara E Vilas, John C and S A Harrington,

# Report of School Committee,

OF WILMINGTON FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1880.

In reviewing the incidents and progress which have characterized our public schools for the past year, it is with peculiar satisfaction that we observe so little occasion for complaint, and that in no case has there anything occurred in the government of the schools to disturb the usual tranquility of the public mind. It is this fact that gives prominence to the judicious management of each of the schools, and which permits the teacher to pursue undisturbed the course of instruction and government which is imperatively essential to promote the best good of all concerned, and the greatest benefit of the individual scholar. It is this harmony and approval of the teacher, in the entire administration of the affairs of the school by parents, which greatly contributes to the comfort and efficiency of the teacher and equally promotes the personal interest and general contentment of the scholar in the studies and school exercises in which they engage, and thus insures true progress in the right direction.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS TO WHICH WE INVITE ATTENTION.

Name of School	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. of Scholars	Average attendance	Term.	Length of School.	Salary per month.
East	Miss Lottie E. Converse,	19	14 3-4	First	3 months	\$32
	"	16	14 1-2	Second	3 "	"
	"	12	10 3-4	Third	1 3-4 "	"
West	Carrie F. Buck,	16	13 5-6	First	3 "	28
	H. Ida Perry,	16	12	Second	3 "	"
	"	12	9 1-2	Third	2 "	"
Centre	Cornelia Bancroft,	32	28 2-3	First	3 "	"
	"	26	21 2-3	Second	3 "	"
	"	22	18 1-2	Third	2 "	32
North	Lizzie J. Harnden,	39	32 3-4	First	3 "	28
	Carrie F. Buck,	38	31 1-4	Second	3 "	"
	"	29	22	Third	2 "	"
South	Brazillia Taylor,	32	24	First	3 "	32
	"	40	27	Second	3 "	"
	"	31	25	Third	2 "	"
High	Mr. Frank Carter,	22	18 1-2	First	34-1 "	48
	"	21	20 1-3	Second	3 "	"
	"	21		Third	2 3-4 "	"



From the foregoing table we find that the whole number of scholars in all the schools to be 168, twelve more than last year, while the number of children of school age in the town, as reported by the Assessors on the first of May, to be 175, which shows a slight gain over the attendance of last year, and also a small improvement in the average attendance. Notwithstanding an alarming epidemic made its appearance in several families whose children had been exposed to the malady, they with a wise precaution decided to have their children remain at home for several days rather than expose the entire school.

#### TEACHERS.

In the appointment of teachers the committee found that some changes were unavoidable, and after much deliberation decided to introduce three new teachers, two of whom being natives and residents of Wilmington, but without previous experience in teaching, yet well acquainted with our educational condition and needs. They both had completed the full course of study in our high school, and Miss Buck also pursued the full course at the Salem Normal School with much credit to her scholarship. In taking her first school she was permitted to succeed Miss Harnden, in the west, who had from continuous labor gained the confidence and esteem of all as being a pleasant and successful teacher. At the commencement of the year she was transferred to the north school, and labored with the like happy results, when at the end of the first term, Miss Harnden resigned her school with an honorable and well-merited record as being a devoted and energetic teacher. In respect to the new teachers, Miss Buck and Miss Perry, we are confident that they found their respective schools in good order and condition from previous training, which makes the opening of a school for a new teacher much more favorable for success, and the relations between teacher and scholars more agreeable and pleasant. In reference to the foregoing appointment, the committee in reviewing the history of several of the natives of our towns who have been distinguished as eminently successful teachers, discovered a precedent for their guidance, knowing full well that there must be a beginning. As the result we see no cause of regret for the appointments, but on the other hand, much to encourage in the future from the success already attained. Miss Taylor, of Woburn, brought to her charge in the south school much experience in teaching, united with energy and perseverance, which soon made her influence apparent to all, and effected a marked

change throughout her school, which was much needed, and therefore appreciated by all the true friends of education and progress. The other three teachers were continued from their well-earned reputation as teachers who had received the approval of the community by the success attained through the previous year in their respective schools. And now we consider, as a whole, that the progress made in each of the schools, in the various studies, has been decidedly good, and the influence salutary and encouraging for future attainments.

And here we would most respectfully suggest to parents and others, that the tendency, in many cases, is for the scholar to retire from the school much too soon for his personal advantage and proper appreciation of the benefits of an education, such as the times most significantly require, and such as our schools are competent to confer, without additional expense to the public—save only the mere attendance upon the school, where the appliances are gratuitously furnished, for the public good. Therefore it is not wise economy for any one to say to himself and to the public, at the age of fourteen or fifteen years, "*I have finished* my education." On the other hand let such an one connect himself with the school best suited to his condition, for even two additional years, with an honest application to close study and a faithful observance of school regulations, and who can fail to see and realize, that such a course would have a direct influence in moulding the future character of such an one, in all his relations and usefulness as an individual and citizen through life.

#### THE HIGH SCHOOL.

This school, under the instruction and guidance of Mr. Carter, has experienced a good degree of prosperity during the year, such as hard work and close application are likely to ensure, whenever the mental abilities are exercised and put to the test, as to what *can* be done, and what *is* done. The principal and great point aimed at, is *thoroughness* in all the primary and fundamental studies pursued. It is for this that we respect and honor the teacher—for it is all for the present benefit of the scholar, and it will increasingly appear so, as times goes on, notwithstanding, the present difference in the receptive faculties of the pupils. Therefore we would say to scholars, to the teacher and friends be not discouraged—but patiently persevere, and success is yours. We have invariably been pleased whenever we have visited this school, and observed the general cheerfulness and interested manner the school presented. But more es-

pecially we would refer to the closing exercises of the summer term, as a good day for Wilmington, when a large number of relatives and interested friends assembled at the school room to witness the examination and interesting exercises of the graduating class, who had completed the prescribed three years' course of study. The entire exercises received marked attention and conferred honor on the class and teacher. Their names are as follows : Lottie S. Buck, Georgie A. Wyman, Frank H. Eames, Arthur B. Eames, Herbert N. Buck, Edward A. Hamlin.

In concluding this report, we desire to call the attention of the town to the fact that several schoolhouses belonging to the town are in need of some repairs, such as grading around the underpinning, at the South, a coat of paint with other small repairs, for which we would recommend a special appropriation of money by the town at its next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

LEMUEL C. EAMES, }  
 JAMES A. SHEPARD } School Committee.  
 OTHNIEL EAMES, }

Wilmington, Feb. 14, 1880.

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Thomas A. Bancroft, Constable of the Town of  
Wilmington.*

## GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town House, on Monday, the first day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock A. M., to act on the following article, viz.:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the report of Committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see how much money the Town will raise to defray annual expenses and pay Town Debts.

ART. 5. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the select school for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the Poor for the year ensuing.



ART. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of Highways and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

ART. 10. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of Taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to pay to Thomas A. Bancroft a bounty, the amount he was entitled to under the vote of the Town passed May 6, 1861, by reason of becoming a volunteer in the United States service, less the amount he has received as State Aid or do anything in reference to the same.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of celebrating its one hundredth and fiftieth anniversary.

ART. 14. To see what action the Town will take in regard to repairing and widening the Road leading from the Hay Scales to the Henry Harnden farm.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of stocking its Ponds and Brooks with Fish.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will erect Lamp Posts and provide from 15 to 20 Gasoline street Lamps for different sections of the Town, to be distributed judiciously under the direction of the Selectmen and appropriate money to pay for and maintain the same.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to straighten the old County Road from westerly end of land of Stephen Buck to land of Henry Paul, and appropriate money for that purpose, or to appoint a Committee with power to act.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will order the Read



Surveyors to plough out the side walks after snow storms and appropriate money for the same.

ART 19. To see if the Town will adopt any measure for furnishing Fuel for the Town House and the several Schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will instruct the Collector of Taxes to procede at once, under Chapter 266 of the laws of 1878, to take action for releasing the Town from all liability contained in any deed given for lands sold for non-payment of Taxes, which for reason of error, omission or informality, he believes to be invalid or what they will do about it.

HEREOF fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty.

EDWARD A. CARTER,	}	SELECTMEN
OTIS C. BUCK,		OF
THOMAS F. GOWING,		WILMINGTON.

1730—1880.

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# WILMINGTON.

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## HISTORICAL ADDRESSES:

DELIVERED IN THE MEETING-HOUSE OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
IN WILMINGTON, MASS., SEPT. 25, 1880, UPON THE ONE  
HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN,

BY

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, PASTOR.

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PRINTED BY ORDER OF THE TOWN.

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1881.



# ADDRESS.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

The Town of Wilmington extends to you all — natives, residents, and visitors — a hearty welcome on this day, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its organization. The Committee who have in charge these commemorative services have called upon me to say something which may have a tendency to freshen the memories of former times and help the younger generation to an acquaintance with their fathers.

I am not expected to cover, in the present review, the whole of the town's one hundred and fifty years; and I have found it necessary to stop with the close of the Revolutionary War — the end of the town's first fifty-three years. But we are favored to-day with the presence of invited guests whom the rest of us wish to hear; so that I leave to some other occasion the completion of even this restricted plan, and confine myself for the present to some

## REMINISCENCES OF THE BEGINNINGS OF THE TOWN.

In all studies into the history of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, or of the State that has grown from it, one fact ought ever to be kept in mind: that this colony originated in a purpose to found a State, a completely organized community; in which true religion could hold its ground against the three enemies, prelacy, fanaticism, and impiety. \* English Puritans had begun to fear that the fate of Bohemia and the Palatinate might be awaiting their own country, — the Papacy coming back into power, with the cruelties which were then her characteristic, and perhaps, with wide devastation and slaughter. They resolved that, in the worst event, there should be a place of refuge, a new

\* See Diary of John Winthrop.

England, which Jesuit and prelate could not reach, and where Christ's persecuted church could be secure.

Accordingly, it was at the instance of Puritan leaders, and especially under the counsels of the Rev. Mr. White, of Dorchester, that enterprises of trade and exploration were kept up along these shores; and about the year 1624, merchants of the south-west of England were carrying on fishing at Cape Ann. They had a station, as is well known, on the west side of Gloucester harbor; and in that year some fifty vessels were there employed. The business, however, did not thrive, and seemed on the point of failure, when a few of the best among the settlers were encouraged by these Puritan leaders in England to remove to "Nahumkeike," with the promise of reinforcements. So, in June, 1628, a small company arrived under John Endicott, who bore a commission entitling him to take charge of the whole settlement. At first, the people already on the ground, having Conant at their head, were inclined to question the claims of the new Governor, but the dispute was amicably settled; and, in a spirit of thankfulness for this happy result, Nahumkeike was baptized with the Christian name of Salem (Peace). But even with these fresh arrivals, the settlement numbered scarcely more, we are told, than fifty or sixty souls. It was reinforced, however, in the summer of 1629 by an emigration of four hundred and six souls, of which the ministers Skelton and Higginson were members; and before winter an exploring party had begun preparations for another settlement at Mishawum, or Charlestown.

In June, 1630, came the large emigration, under John Winthrop, 1500 strong, and permanently occupied Charlestown and Boston. They brought with them a charter conferring powers of essential self-government. In their arrival the "new" England was founded.

In 1640 an additional grant of land was made by the General Court to Charlestown, and for two years was known as Charlestown Village. By October, 1642, this land had received so many settlers that a church was organized, and it was set apart as a distinct township, under the name of *Woburn*, the twentieth in the Massachusetts Colony and twenty-ninth in the two colonies.



The towns then nearest to Woburn were Rowley and Ipswich on the north-east, Charlestown and Boston on the south-east, Cambridge on the south, and Concord on the west. Reading was then known as Lynn Village. To the north-west all was wilderness. The new town came to include all that is now Burlington, with a large part of what is now Wilmington. It is well for us to remember that its first minister was *Thomas Carter*, whose descendants are numerous with us to-day. May their shadows never grow few.

In the year 1700, the number of tax-payers in Woburn was only 187. But in 1725, it was 305. In 1708, its valuation stood fourth in the county. Judge Sewall notes in his diary, under the date of August 12, 1702, that he traveled on that day from Andover to Woburn, "through the Land of Nod," in which he owned some 300 acres. "This," says he, "is the first time that I have seen it. Got late to Fowl's," at Woburn. August 13, "Visit Mr. Fox" — the minister; "view the hop-yards." So early had this staple, afterwards of so much consequence to these towns, begun to form a characteristic of their farming.

Woburn covered a great deal of ground. Its second meeting-house, built in 1672, was probably at that time sufficiently central. But by 1730, Sergeant Abraham Jaquith, who lived in Goshen,\* — probably in the garrison-house which stood over the cellar, a few rods beyond the house now owned by Mr. Aldrich, — was fully seven miles away; and Deacon James Thompson (at Mr. Rich Carter's) was quite as far; while many other families in various parts of the town found themselves, especially in winter, at very inconvenient distances; few of them nearer, I suppose, than four miles, and most over five.

It must not be supposed, however, that this kept them from attending or made them late. Tradition has it that "the inhabitants of the remotest corner of Goshen would often travel to meeting in winter on snow-shoes; and Deacon James Thompson was wont to be there on summer mornings by eight o'clock, which must have been at least an hour before the services commenced." (Hist. Woburn, p. 243.) A saying of Deacon Ben-

\* A name then given to the region now constituting the central and western parts of Wilmington.

jamin Jaquith (son of Abraham) is preserved, which shows plainly his opinion of the value of a spirit of promptitude in matters of religion. This vigorous old Christian greatly impressed the boys of that generation with his maxim, and the words of emphasis with which he drove it home: "*Airly to meetin', airy to heaven, I vower!*"

We have not time to lay before you the long process by which the fathers of Wilmington freed themselves from this hardship of Sunday travel, which had not yet come to be viewed as a privilege. But they were five years and eight months in doing it. Woburn was unwilling to lose so many good citizens. The plan of allowing a sum of money for the support of preaching in school-houses during the winter was tried, but proved unsatisfactory. There was endless talk through all these years, and at last some of the Reading neighbors became interested in it. So, on the 5th of September, 1729, a petition, headed by Samuel Eames, of Goshen, and John Harnden, of Reading, was presented to the General Court, praying that the north part of Woburn and the west part of Reading be made a distinct precinct. This failed, but was speedily followed by another for a new town, which met with more favor. Woburn and Reading were summoned to show cause why it should not be granted; a committee of both houses spent some days in carefully looking over the ground, noting the distances and estimating the ability of these regions for the support of preaching, and finally reported it "highly reasonable that the petition be granted." This report settled the long controversy. A bill incorporating the new town under the name of *Wilmington* was passed to be engrossed, Sept. 25, 1730. Wherefore we are here this 25th of September, 1880.

The act is passed, engrossed, signed. There is a new town, *Wilmington*. What sort of a region does it occupy? How numerous are its people, and what their occupations and general condition? It was a district some seven miles long, lying north-east and south-west, about four miles wide near the middle, narrowing toward each extremity, but especially toward the north, having for a sort of core, and its peculiar characteristic, the extensive, irregular, wet meadow-land of two large,

sluggish brooks, which unite in the eastern part of the town to form the Ipswich River. On either side of these branching meadows lie sandy uplands of diversified surface, covered with pines of both kinds, and occasionally with a growth of oak. Some of the lowland is densely clothed with larch and maple and cedar. The slopes of the uplands are often very gentle, and the lower parts a soft loam. The south-eastern border of the town is diversified; the south-western and western rise into wooded heights; and the northern part is almost entirely occupied with hills. The general character of the center and the north-west is either a level or gently rolling pine-land, or else low meadow-land. Much of the soil is rather sandy, much is wet; but a good deal of it responds handsomely to a faithful cultivation, and many patches are fertile. It is, in the main, a wholesome and pleasant region to live in, with no high hills to hinder travel; with extensive woods, in which deer are found; a great abundance of partridges and rabbits; quite as many foxes as most of the inhabitants want; legions of musk-rats and minks; a few otter, with, possibly, a very few beaver, an occasional wild-cat, and once in a while a bear.

The following story, of somewhat later date, has come down to us:—

In August, 1760, two young men — Ephraim Buck, twenty-nine years old, and Nathan, who was only sixteen — had been spending the forenoon in mowing in the meadow a short distance above where the bridge now stands, this side of “the city.” They were sons of Ephraim, the grandfather of Mr. Benjamin Buck, who is with us to-day. At twelve o’clock they went home to dinner. When they came back they saw that their windrows had been disturbed. They thought this was queer; for there were no cattle about. But looking narrowly, they were startled to find the tracks and the leavings of a bear! He must be still near. Instantly they ran home to get their dogs and guns and rouse the neighbors. They were soon ready and off for the woods and the bushes. Old Mr. Ephraim himself was out with his ancient queen’s arm loaded with two bullets. A neighbor went with him. The old man seated himself at the roots of the tree since known as the “Bear Oak,” and the neighbor stationed himself farther this way (north-west), not very far from



Mr. Pierce's place. Meanwhile the boys and the dogs were ranging the thickets, and not in vain; for it was not very long before the old man saw something stirring, twenty-five rods away, among the bushes. He cocks his gun and sees that the priming is right, and eagerly watches. Directly the bear shows himself, evidently somewhat disturbed at the noises in his rear. He comes forward towards the brook, and puts his fore-paws up on a hassock, which was so high that it exposed him, a very fair mark. He had doubtless just spied enemies on that side also, when the boys in the bushes behind heard their father's gun, and the old man, standing up, saw that the bear had disappeared. Who got to him first I do not know, but whoever did found him stone dead. The distance must have been some twenty rods; but one bullet had gone to his heart and one was lodged in the "heart-skirts." He weighed, when dressed, sixty pounds a quarter, and his live weight must have been over two hundred and fifty pounds. Tradition has it very clearly that that gun was loaded with *two balls*. But every true-born son of Wilmington will forever believe, and against all odds will testify, any records to the contrary notwithstanding, that that bear was killed by one Buck's shot, and his name was Ephraim.

Only one other instance of the appearance of a bear has been mentioned to me. Mr. William Boutwell tells me that his grandfather, when crossing the brook near his house, was surprised to see one getting over the wall on the east of the road, with her cub, and then crossing the road and disappearing in the bushes on the west. In 1730, this animal must have been more frequently seen. A small hill, about a quarter of a mile this side of Mr. Boutwell's, near Mr. Dowd's, used to be known as Bear's Hill.

The early records contain many accounts of the laying out and also of the discontinuance of roads. Those first traveled went round the swamps when possible, and were very crooked. The changes, which have been many and often great, were mostly straightening and shortening by means of causeways. Many of them must have furnished fragrant and delightful summer drives, all embosomed as they were in pine-woods; but were dark when the nights were cloudy, somewhat late in

getting rid of their snow in the spring, and sandy and soft afterwards. On the whole, they must be regarded as pleasanter for young people than now, longer and harder for horses.

Wilmington took forty-three tax-payers from Woburn; how many from Reading I have not been able to learn. If twenty, then the population probably amounted to three or four hundred.

✓ We still have houses in the town which give a good idea of many that were standing then.

In the extreme north, the place now occupied by Mr. E. C. Stockwell, close upon the Andover line, was once the property of a family named *Jones*. It seems to be of considerable age.

The eastern part, at least, of the house now occupied by Mrs. James Pearson, dates back to the beginning of the town. The frame was covered with inch-and-a-half plank, and filled in with brick. The form of the house as a whole, however, has been greatly altered. Probably the original dwelling was very much smaller than the present. Many of the earlier houses were not plastered within, for lack of lime, and the planks and bricks were for protection against both the weather and the Indians.

Far up in this same Land of Nod, you all remember that other very hospitable-looking old place, also a large square house, with its open green and great elms. That belonged originally to Stanleys — a name that has disappeared.

The Upton place, near by, marks the spot where another name, Rich, surviving here only as a Christian name, once had its home.

A smaller house, the original form of which can be distinguished in spite of the change from a gambrel to a sloping roof, now occupied by Mr. Holt, was raised July 4, 1776, and, though forty-six years younger than the town, is an example of houses of the olden time. Similar to this is the one now occupied by Deacon Levi Manning, which also is old.

The farm now owned by Mr. Silas Brown embraces part of the land belonging, a hundred and fifty years ago, to *Samuel Dummer, Esq.* Mr. Dummer's house stood at the foot of the hill, in the rear, north of the barn, and near the road to North Reading, which then curved round the hill on its western and



northern sides so as to cross the brook where the present road crosses it, near the saw-mill. The old apple-trees, still to be seen, are said to have stood just behind or at the end of the house, which probably fronted the south.

Mr. Brown's house was built, eighty-five years ago, by Col. Joshua Harnden.

A Harnden lived on the top of the hill, west of Mr. Samuel Gowing's. Still earlier, in 1796, John Harnden occupied a house "about sixty rods from this spot," with his wife and eight children. Some Indians had been attacking Dunstable. Five of them came down to this house one night, when Mr. Harnden was away, entered through the roof, and killed Mrs. Harnden and three of the children. The others hid behind a large rock, but were discovered and carried off, though afterwards rescued by a party of pursuers.

This murderous act is said to have been prompted by a desire of revenge for the death of a drunken squaw accidentally run over by a team, near a small pond on the road to Woburn, since known as Squaw's Pond. The cellar and well of John Harnden's house, with the big rock, known as Indian rock, are still to be seen. They are about sixty rods in the rear of the houses of Mr. Morris and Rev. Mr. Buffum.

The Blanchard farm-house, with its twelve elms and thicket of young pines, marks the home of *Cadwallader Ford*, one of the most prominent and prosperous of the citizens, at the time of the town's incorporation. Mr. Ford was born in Ireland, fled to this country when a mere boy, and after many vicissitudes, achieved an honorable success. The house was built by him, and is now occupied by his great grandchildren. It is the handsomest remaining specimen of the homes of that generation, and ought certainly to survive for another hundred and fifty years, when it will be too precious to be allowed to perish.

Go in summer to the Otis Carter crossing, on the way to Sandy Pond, look north-east, and you will see, I venture to say, the prettiest arch, made by a single tree over a railroad, that can be found in Middlesex County. A graceful elm stands stretching its arms above it, as though in benediction. That tree commemorates another family, whose name is heard no

more in the places that once knew them, and who built and inhabited the ancient house across the road. One day, long ago, a certain Mr. *Scales*, — it was either James or Nathan, — had started for Salem. Possibly his horse was old; more likely, whatever his age, he was stiffened with hard work; it is certain, at any rate, that he did not go to his master's satisfaction. So Mr. Scales descended from his wagon to get a stick. He soon found one, and felt in his pocket for a knife; it was not there: whereupon, a vigorous pull brings up a shoot; one strip from his hard fingers takes off the leaves, and the exhortation for his horse is ready. When he got back again the stick was still in the wagon; and his young boy, interested to examine it, exclaimed: "Why, father, this is a little tree; I am going to put it in the ground, and see what it will become." So he planted the elm that overarches the road.

The house dates back to at least 1741; for in that year it is named in the town records, in the description of the laying out of the road which passes between it and the barn. A little additional interest attaches to it from the fact that a pane of glass over the front door in the north-west end, and which is now in the collection of the Massachusetts Historical Society, bears this inscription: "*Aug. 2d, 1769. The infamous Governor left our town,*" — referring, it is supposed, to Gov. Bernard, and his attempt to arrest persons for constructive treason.

The house is worth looking over, as it is a specimen of a very ordinary style of building. It is, you remember, of the usual shape, the rear roof sloping to within a few feet of the ground, with one great chimney, its bricks laid in clay. The front, however, is now coarsely stuccoed. The upper story certainly gave me a sensation of coolness, as I looked at the thin board walls, now full of cracks, in spite of clapboards, the only protection against cold storms, and imagined what sort of bed chambers they would be on a winter's night, with the wind strong from the north-west. And one of the two has no fireplace, and the other only an unfinished one, which a glance shows, were never once used. The house speaks plainly of hard times and rough living. But these chamber walls may have been once filled in with brick. Unless this was so, I should be very slow to believe that these chambers were used in winter

for sleeping; more likely, they were store-rooms for corn, beans, pumpkins and hops. A round trap-door, opening into the attic, speaks plainly still of the bags of hops that used to go up and down there. Do you ask where the sleeping was done? I venture to answer: in the little rooms at each side of the kitchen; and perhaps, sometimes, in the kitchen itself. For I hear a tradition respecting an ancient member of a very well-known family of this town, that when the son brought his young wife home, there was but one room that could furnish them accommodations for the night; and that, the one in which the boiling and the baking and the roasting and the eating and the washing and the ironing were done, in the day-time. So in the kitchen this couple lived, for a number of years; until the death of the old folks opened another room to their use. And, in my opinion, the kitchen was, during the winter, by far the most comfortable sleeping room, with its great, warm chimney, and its huge bed of covered coals, giving out heat all night long. The young folks were, of course, the first to be up in the morning. Foremost of all, the young husband would uncover the coals, put on a back-log, lay a strong fore-stick, and then pile high the pine wood and the oak, making a roaring fire, by which his wife might dress, while he went out to feed the cattle; and then the old folks, when they came forth from the snug bedroom, near by, would find all things put in order, the hearth swept, the fire blazing, the kettle steaming, and the table set, with grateful promise of breakfast. — Could you not have enjoyed it?

It would not be safe,—let me say, in passing,—for any to imagine, because some of these ancient houses were roughly built, and parts left unfinished, and the large families necessarily crowded, that those households lived in discomfort. They had a plenty of the most wholesome food,—beans and brown bread, and pumpkins, and cabbages, and turnips, with cider apple-sauce, pies, doughnuts and gingerbread: what more can man want! They worked, and they eat, heartily; they breathed pure air; those great chimneys did the work of ventilation well; and their pulse beat so strong, that when they were sick, it was not an illness of the low, slow, doubtful kind,—nobody able to tell what was the matter; it was a



vigorous sickness, that spoke plainly. There were men among them who would go without overcoat, and some without mittens, all winter long. As they sat in front of those noble fire-places, the genial warmth crept and flashed all through them, and cheered them with its indescribable deliciousness. Why, the young people of to-day do not know an open fire—how different its darting heat from that which comes through a hole in the floor, or from a close stove, and soaks into you, like a fog,—how much more stimulating the fire is, more positively refreshing after cold and wet, more provocative of sleep, when one is tired, and of talk and laughter, when one is still feeling fresh after the day's toil. There was, very likely, no coffee or tea, but there was an abundance of milk for all kinds of porridge, there was cider and home-brewed beer, and there was occasionally a little *toddy*; which had the virtue, now rare, of being what it was called.—But to return to the houses.

The house now in the hands of Samuel Gowing was built by Joseph Harnden, less than a hundred years ago. That belonging to the brothers Gowing, a hundred and fifty years ago, was in the same name. That occupied by N. Bradley Eames was the home of Hathornes; and Mr. Pickering, of an Evans. The house of Mr. Lemuel C. Eames was standing a hundred and fifty years ago; and perhaps, also, that of Mr. Benjamin Buck, or a part of it; both in the hands of the same families, though both have undergone alterations. Deacon Morrill tells me that he used to hear about an old Capt. Slocum, who once lived in the little house upon the main road, north-west of the Boston & Maine Railroad crossing, at the station, against whom some Indians had a grudge, which they vented in a less bloody manner than usual. In the absence of the family they broke into the house, took out the feather beds, ripped them up, and scattered their contents to the winds. One would think they had lived near a college. The gambrel roofed house opposite the tannery, seventy years ago belonged to Squire Samuel Eames, and is supposed to have been in the same name in 1730. An ancient Blanchard house is still standing at the top of the hill, on the corner of the North Reading road; but this house, if on the ground in 1730, must have belonged to Daniel Killam. It

seems probable that there was then no house on this site, and that Mr. Killam's stood over the little cellar, on the north of the North Reading road, near the foot of the hill.

On the main street there was then no house between the spot first mentioned and the present line of the Lowell Railroad, except the one now occupied by Mr. William Eames. Seventy years ago the only other houses were those now belonging to Mrs. Timothy Carter, and to Deacon Cadwallader Morrill. On the spot where Mr. Joseph Ames lives stood a dwelling of the Jaques family; and farther down on the same side another, which still remains, was occupied by Carters. The father of Mr. Rich Carter was born there, though he afterward lived where Mr. William H. Carter, 2d., now lives, and it was in that house that Mr. Rich Carter was born.

Further along on the road toward Woburn, on the right, this side of the low ground, is a place that belonged to the Flaggs. The farm house now occupied by Mrs. Benjamin Perry and her son, belonged to John Gowing, a younger brother of the present Mr. Joseph Gowing's grandfather. But the road now connecting that corner with Reading and Lowell was not then in existence. Mr. Lorenzo Butters lives where his fathers did. A little further on was another Butters place, just beyond that, a third, the "garrison house" for that part of the town, now owned by Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Spalding. The second story of this house originally projected a foot or more over the first; and Deacon Morrill remembers how the chains, the hoes, the shovels and harnesses used to look, hanging underneath; and how a traveler once remarked to his companion as he passed, "Well, we have got to the sign of the horse collar." Part of a fourth house is now the dwelling of George Taylor; a fifth site is found at Mr. Johnson's place; a sixth at the Addison place; and the whole was known as *Butters' Row*. The Bell farm, then as now, lay below; the house standing over the cellar opposite the barn on the right.

In the west district, Mr. Edward Carter and Mrs. Roxanna Carter occupy the old Walker place; Widow Jonathan Jaquith, the house built by Peter Corneille; in the "garrison house" of that part of the town, (standing a few years ago opposite the road turning southward beyond Mr. Aldrich's),



Abraham Jaquith\* lived,—1730, 57 years old; near by, to the south-east, is the Joshua Jaquith house, not quite so ancient; this side, one owned by Mr. Aldrich, and built by Captain James Jaquith, grandson of Abraham; and half a mile this side is the cellar of still another house, in the same name. Up the Billerica road, near the old canal locks, once stood a dwelling built by Jonathan Beard, sold by him to Col. Samuel Hopkins, and by him to Mr. Timothy Carter. This, together with the neighboring houses of William Nichols and Joseph Burnap, was burned by fires kindled by sparks from a locomotive.

If we think over the ancient houses which still remain, and try, in imagination, to restore their former owners to the places which once knew them, we shall find them to have been comfortable and respectable farmers. That they respected themselves and their neighbors, is proved by the reason which moved them to organize a new town,—that the people might be able to unite in the public worship of God. To them, the obligation of such worship was as plain as that of earning their living. With very few exceptions, all felt themselves to be sinful children of Adam; all to be judged at God's bar; all in need of God's forgiveness; all looked toward one Saviour; all were expecting the endless life; and all were agreed that instruction in the way of so living here as to make sure of a blessed immortality, is a matter of importance. This it was, above all things else, which led to the organization of the town. And these sentiments lay at the basis of the self-respect and of the mutual respect, that characterized the people. It is a more dignified reason for the movement than any other; more honorable to them, than though it had originated in dissatisfaction with the way the rest of the town had voted money; much more to their credit, than if the leading motive had been, the rule of some party, or some clique of Goshen farmers or esquires. I think that, to whatever Christian denomination any of their descendants now belong, they all are thankful that the town of Wilmington had its origin in sentiments running so

\* Born Feb., 1673, died Dec. 18, 1753, aged 80 years, 11 months. Sarah, his wife, died Feb. 13, 1771, in her 90th year. He must have spoken with some of the first settlers of Woburn—and of Wilimington. Men now living have spoken with his son.

deep and rising so high. The majority of those people may have been poor; they sat down, perhaps, to what Commonwealth Avenue would consider coarse fare, — which, by the way, is often the best; but their thoughts went beyond tables and pocket-books. They meant that the women and children should not be shut out all winter from the house which was the house of God and the soul. It is no small privilege to be able to look back to such an ancestry — better far than border ruffians and robber barons.

Well, then, here we have a number of serious-minded, sensible farmers, distributed over a wide surface, none of them with many near neighbors, and they are going to set themselves up into a separate town. *How will they begin?* Let us look and see. One of their number, *Samuel Dummer, Esq* (who was, probably, a native of Newbury, and a near relative, possibly brother, of Leut. Governor William Dummer, founder, a little later, of Dummer Academy), this Mr. Dummer has been authorized by the General Court to call the first town-meeting. Upon his summons the legal voters assembled “in the school-house,” on the 20th of October, 1730. The site of the school-house I have endeavored to discover, but have got no further than this, that it was probably in the western or south-western part of the town. The oldest site that I hear of, is the north-west corner which the road that passes Mr. Lorenzo Butters’ house makes with the road parallel with the Lowell Railroad.

Unfortunately, the first leaf of the town records is missing. The first words on the second leaf are, “the Word of God among us; and it passed in the affirmative.” They were going to have the “Word of God” here, for all to share, at all seasons of the year.

The next vote was, that this Word should be dispensed in the school-house until the town be provided with a better place. The third vote set apart sixty pounds towards the support of the gospel [At this date, twenty-one shillings of the *current money* were reckoned equal to one ounce of silver; hence this sum, if paid in currency, would be equal to \$200, a little more than \$57 in New England silver.] Fourthly, they voted that the two ends of the town agree upon the site of a meeting-house, at the end of one week.

Fifth, two deacons, John Harnden, a member of the Reading church, and James Thompson, of the Woburn church, were made a committee for providing preaching until March; and Deacon Harnden was requested to act as the town's "cash-keeper;" the town having neglected at the proper time to provide itself with a treasurer, supplies its lack in this way.

Then they proceeded to take measures for getting back the money they had paid toward the settlement fund of Rev. Mr. Jackson, colleague of Rev. Mr. Fox, at Woburn; the apportioning of which settlement had apparently been hastened by the Woburn authorities, so as to levy upon Goshen before its separation had been consummated.

[For the benefit of the younger part of the audience, it may be well to explain here that in those days ministers were settled for life, and received, besides their yearly salary, a certain sum of money, or other provision, toward a house and its furnishing. This provision was styled "the settlement."]

After that, we find the town voting that the pay for work on the highway shall be three shillings a day for a man with a yoke of oxen and cart,—nominally half a dollar, in actual value not over one-third as much.

Next, we find them returning to the subject of the meeting-house; the vote postponing the choice of a site for a week was reconsidered, and it was agreed to try to settle the matter at once. The town-meeting transferred itself to the neighborhood of the point which had been determined to be the center of the township, and, greatly to their own surprise, the citizens found themselves able to agree upon a site, to wit: on the rising ground about seventy rods southwest of Daniel Killam's house. It is now seventy-four rods from the upper end of the horse-sheds that front on the street to the corner of the North Reading road, at or near which this dwelling stood.\*— "For which Christian and brotherly agreement," say the town records, "in a matter of such great moment, and which is generally of such lamentable consequence, to God be all the praise."

There can be no doubt that the heads of families went to

\* That house must have been either the one now known as "the Col. Blanchard house," or a predecessor on the same corner, or else the small house that was standing a few years ago over the old cellar, still open, at the bottom of the hill, on the east of the road, some six rods further off.



their homes bearing pleasant news to the wives, the aunts and the grandfathers who had not been present at the town-meeting. It was better than could have been expected. Curiosity was not soon satisfied. We may be sure that before people went to bed that night many questions had to be answered as to how it all happened; what various persons said, and especially certain individuals, famous for differing from their neighbors. People could hardly persuade themselves that the matter was really settled. And it was not. We find indeed no proof of after difference in the records of the town, but under the date of June 16, 1731, we read in the records of the General Court, that "a petition from inhabitants of Wilmington, headed by James Symonds and James Proctor, is presented, declaring that the people of that town are 'much divided as to the site of their meeting-house;'" and asking a committee of both Houses to settle the matter. So Daniel Epes, James Wilder and others are made that committee, and on Dec. 30, 1731, present their report, to wit: "The most proper place is at a heap of stones, on Mr. Benjamin Johnson's land, placed by the committee four poles distant from the center of the precinct, south-easterly." According to one supposition respecting the spot here called "the center," this heap of stones was a little east or north-east of the house now occupied by Mr. James Skilton; according to another supposition, a few rods still further east. The General Court had thus ordered the house to be put some fifty or sixty rods west of the site first chosen. So much the Goshen part of the town had won by their fourteen months' worriment. But even the General Court could not still the busy waters of Wilmington talk. Again, on Thursday, June 8, 1732, not six months later, and just one year, lacking a week, from the Symonds' petition, a second petition, headed by Simon Thompson, prays that the meeting-house may be placed just sixty poles (instead of four poles) easterly of the center; and the court granted that it stand fifty-six poles easterly; and there, at last, it stuck. And with good reason, I think we all agree; for four rods further easterly would have set its eastern end hard upon the slope near the present receiving tomb. The names of *none* of the three men who are on record as at the head of these petitions appear on the tax-lists of that day.

We note in this bit of history that there were people here a hundred and fifty years ago who had leisure to be dissatisfied. Here they come to view, uneasy fellows, their number and quality wholly forgotten, but only this remembered, that when the town had come to an unexpectedly happy agreement, much to its comfort and to its credit, they would not be content, but must needs stir dissatisfactions; and the result is, that after one year and eight months the meeting-house stands upon the site first voted. They had their labor for their pains.

This little narrative brings to mind a scrap of more modern Wilmington history, that also affords a specimen of the needlessness of many town disputes, and of the shrewdness that sometimes settles them, spreading likewise a quiet laughter over the town, that still breaks out again among the storytellers of successive generations. I hear it said that when the second meeting-house was to be built, there was quite an energetic movement to transfer the site some fifty or sixty rods, to the neighborhood of the present flag-staff, the place, in fact, which had been designated by the General Court eighty years before. On this little matter, there being a good deal of combativeness in town lying idle, and a large power of talk, the whole town was able to come into a highly agitated condition, — the people angry as people can only be over nothing at all. In this state of affairs a town-meeting assembles. It is largely attended. All are on tiptoe to see what is going to happen, and the malcontents are determined that at all events the house shall not be rebuilt on the old lot; when very deliberately the leader of the conservatives rises, and says that for his part he is tired of controversy, and does not mean to continue it. *He* shall go in for moving the meeting-house to a new place. And he had made up his mind for putting it further south, as far down as anybody wanted it, *and on the east side of the road*. These closing words awakened universal astonishment among the opposite party and intense opposition. “We don’t want it on the east side!” they cry. “We won’t have it on the east side! We’d a great deal rather it should stay where it is!” “Very well; suit yourselves. I have nothing to say about it.” “Mr. Moderator!” shouts somebody at exactly the right moment, “I move that we put it on the old spot.” And so it was



carried. A good many farmers, you can safely believe, laughed to themselves as they twitched the reins that day on the way home from town-meeting.

I have now carried you as far into the beginning of our town as the time permits. On a future occasion I propose to invite as many of you as may be within easy reach, to study the process of getting a meeting-house placed on this hill, and of securing a minister for its pulpit. Then, jumping a few years, we will watch the slow rising and the progress of that thunder-storm, the Revolutionary War, as seen from Wilmington, and will take note of the way in which that struggle brought itself home to these retired households amid these woods and fields.

It would be out of character for descendants of the fathers whose acts we have been studying to dismiss this subject without some reflection upon traits and differences of those former times.

Cannot you imagine yourself sitting, on a Sunday morning, on the inner front seat of the north-east gallery of the meeting-house, looking down into the pulpit and watching the people as they come in? And cannot you also think of yourself as having completed this inspection, at the end of the service, by hastening round to the front of the house, and again watching them as they came out, as they mounted their horses or took seats in their wagons? In such a picture of imagination what differences have struck you?

In the first place, you must have noted the large number of sturdy frames and ruddy faces among both men and women. You can see to-day how these have repeated themselves in great and in great-great-grandsons and daughters. They were more numerous then, because the women breathed better air in their houses, and most of the men lived athletic lives out under summer suns, and in winter amid fragrant pines. Some faces, indeed, kindled with a warmer color than it has been my lot even once to see here, which might be styled West Indian or New England, according to its source. You would have discovered more rheumatic, wrinkled, decrepit people than now. For there were more who grew old early, owing to the harder work, to the general absence of underwear, even in the coldest weather, and to various exposures, within doors and without.

Old men would put forth shaking hands in greeting; aged women would be helped up the doorsteps, and chins would come nearer to noses than young people of our day have ever seen; for dentistry had not been invented, and the apology for it, found possibly in cities, was costly and very clumsy, as even fifty years later General Washington found, to his sore discomfort.

In the meeting-house you would have been struck with the marked gravity of the adults, with a dignity and sometimes a set solemnity of aspect. There is less now of personal authority and consequence, less of a certain kind of reverence, and of the beauty of mien and expression which these sentiments give; but on the other hand there is less of an air of formality, of awkward diffidence, and of rudeness and levity among the young.

You would certainly have been struck with the general plainness of attire; almost the whole congregation being clothed in garments of homespun, made up in the family, often clumsily, or with the imperfect skill of some dressmaker or tailoress from among the neighbors; the women having comparatively few touches of bright color, and a few of the gentlemen with quite as many such touches as any of the ladies. But it was clearly a self-respecting and sturdy folk that drove their own horses to meeting on those Sundays.

If you reflected then upon what you saw, and thought it all out, how it had come to pass that these people were assembling in that house, built of lumber from their own wood-lands, put together by their own hands, you saw that the idea was in them which took John Winthrop and his fifteen hundred across the water; that this people were bent on worshiping God according to the teachings of the Bible, and distinctly not according to rules laid down for them by some other authority near or far. You would see on further thought that this, before you, is a bit of that *new* England which sagacious men had provided on these shores for a refuge and a defense. *Freedom to serve God and one another according to the Scriptures!* this was in their blood and their bones. In no other freedom did they see any use. For this they were ready to die. This they bequeathed; and it is the greatest secular inheritance that can be found in all the earth. These people knew well that this is lost if either their political or their spiritual liberties are lost.

Forty years before they had rebelled against Andros. Forty-five years later they will rebel against George III. To-day the same spirit actuates their children. It is *one people* through all these two hundred and fifty years. This church stands, one and the same church, its name, as of old, simply "The Church of Christ in Wilmington," the one church of the town, still its truest center. Around us here are the graves of the fathers; many of their children are by our side; many others are scattered abroad.

I am sure that we all are here to-day in oneness of spirit,—grateful for the fathers' pious memory, thankful for the good providence which permits us all to nourish our hearts with these thoughts of the former days, of the good men and women whose footprints abide a blessing within the soil that bears their sons; and *resolved*, that the heritage of lofty purpose which we have received shall be handed down to those who come after us,—the love of that just and sacred liberty which the fathers loved, the liberty to serve God and one another in accordance with the teachings of the Bible, together with the love of that other, secular liberty, likewise sacred,—that government of the people, that is "for the people and by the people," in town, county, state and nation, the one substantial public outward bulwark of whatsoever is thoroughly good. I am sure that to this, you all say, Amen! Keep your Amen ever living in both your hearts and acts.

And now, in testimony to this oneness, let us join in singing the hymn:—

(SABBATH HYMN BOOK, 1111.)

God bless our native land!  
 Firm may she ever stand,  
     Through storm and night;  
 When the wild tempests rave,  
 Ruler of winds and wave,  
 Do thou our country save  
     By thy great might!

For her our prayer shall rise  
 To God above the skies;  
     On him we wait.  
 Thou who art ever nigh,  
 Guarding with watchful eye,  
 To thee aloud we cry,  
     God save the State!

SECOND ADDRESS.





## SECOND ADDRESS.

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### FELLOW-TOWNSMEN AND FRIENDS:—

In the address which it was my privilege to deliver on the town's one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, I was able to furnish some account of the characteristics of the early times and of the circumstances and doings of the first town-meeting. To-night I begin where I then left off.

### THE MEETING HOUSE.

The second town-meeting was held Dec. 3, 1730, also at the school-house; John Harnden, Sen., Moderator. At this meeting it was voted to build a meeting-house  $46 \times 30 \times 20$ , "the body of the house to be all of oak, and the plank to be full inch and a half thick, and the two end principals to be of oak, and all to be of oak but the middle principals."

Mr. Samuel Eames, Mr. Daniel Pierce, Daniel Eames, Samuel Walker, and Benjamin Harnden were appointed a building committee. But the people of the town were to have the privilege of furnishing materials, at the following prices:—

	£	s.	
The oak plank, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick, @ . . . . .	3	5	per 1000
Good merchantable pine boards, @ . . . . .	2	5	" "
Shingles, @ . . . . .	1	5	" "
White-pine clap-boards, @ . . . . .	3	0	" "
Pitch-pine, " @ . . . . .	2	10	" "

Silver was now 21s. per ounce.

The third town-meeting was held Feb. 2, 1730-31; Mr. Daniel Pierce, Moderator. At this meeting, further details respecting the new building were provided for.

The fourth meeting was the regular annual meeting for 1731, held March 2; Mr. Samuel Dummer, Moderator. The following are some of the officers chosen:—

*Selectmen.* — Deacon John Harnden, Deacon James Thompson, Mr. Samuel Eames, Lieut. Benjamin Harnden, Mr. William Butters.

*Town Clerk.* — James Thompson.

It is worthy of note that Joshua Thompson was elected *Clerk of the Market*, an officer unknown to recent times, but sworn, as I understand it, to aid in regulating the prices of labor and commodities according to any laws made upon those matters.

It was also voted, "That the hogs shall go at liberty this year," as was regularly done, indeed, for very many years afterward, and every year two "hog-reeves," answering for hogs to the shire-reeves, or the sheriffs, for men. A hog-reeve is a hog-sheriff or constable.

No one who visited New York thirty years ago but must remember how the swine used to follow the odorous gutters of that city and of Brooklyn. But there were no fields of corn and no kitchen-gardens there for these *gourmands* to devour; and one who ponders the old records of Wilmington is led to wonder whether the swine-police could have been so much more omnipresent than city police were ever known to be, to have guarded effectually the root and corn crops of all the town.

Only two other officers were elected at that March meeting, — Stephen Wasson and Samuel Walker, "*tithing-men*." And here, for the benefit of the younger portion of my hearers, let me interrupt again the regular order of this discourse to tell something about this office, which was once very important, but has died out. The name carries us far back into Anglo-Saxon times, when every ten families constituted a *tithing*, all those families being responsible for the acts of every member. To make this plan effective, the duty of looking after all these persons was laid upon one man, called a *teodling-mann*, whence comes our *tithing-man*. Originally, this officer was obliged to have an eye open for all sorts of crimes; the ten households must pay all fines imposed by reason of a wrong of any of their members who could not be caught and punished in person. They constituted, you see, a kind of mutual insurance society against crime. But a hundred and fifty years ago the *tithing-man* was simply expected to put a stop to any Sabbath-breaking

and to superintend the behavior of children in the meeting-house. As families came to sit together in pews, this duty fell to parents, and the ancient office is now everywhere laid aside. But persons are listening to me who in their boyhood stood in awe of the long rods of these stern guardians of propriety. Deacon Morrill tells how he has seen a tithing man go to a boy who had been misbehaving, shake him, and set him down roughly all by himself.

But we must return to the building of the meeting-house. The house was placed where the horse-sheds opening on the road now stand, its front line a rod or rod and a half only from the present carriage-track. Its length (46 feet) was parallel with the road; its breadth (36 feet) carried it back as far as the present front of the sheds, or perhaps to their rear line. It had a door on each end, with a front door towards the road, opening into the main aisle (or alley, as the town-records call it), which ran straight to the deacon's pew, with its communion-table, and the pulpit. It had two rows of windows, like an ordinary dwelling, running round three sides; but in the rear only the round-topped pulpit-window and one to right and left. The pulpit was high, and was reached, probably, by two flights of stairs, the deacon's seat between them, on a level with a broad stair, or landing, some two or three feet above the floor.

On Jan. 6th, 1731, the town voted that the seats be arranged in two bodies, divided by the middle alley, and that Mr. Samuel Dummer have a suitable lot for a pew east of the pulpit, provision having already been made for a minister's pew.

April 21, 1732, it was voted that the body of seats for the men — *i. e.*, on the left or west side of the middle aisle — “be one foot and a half larger than the body of women's seats;” that “the middle alley be three feet wide;” that “banister seats be upon each end of the house;” “an alley from each door to the stairs” leading to the gallery;” that “the north-east corner be filled with seats,” — that is, the space from Mr. Dummer's pew to the north wall; “and that there be a table upon the men's side.” But it stands on the record of this meeting that “Daniel Going entered his dissent from the above written vote about the form and model of the seats in the meeting-house,” for this reason (and I think we shall agree



that he had a good one), "because he liked it not, and thought it not best."

Permission to build horse-sheds was given at the meeting in May; and two men were made a special committee for putting up the galleries, which must be finished by the last day of September. On the 18th of July, 1732, the work was so far advanced that the town passed the following vote, which reads as though it had been drawn up by a lawyer: "That if the workmen do fulfill, do and perform each of the conditions by the workmen particularized yet to be done to complete the work of the meeting-house, within the space of seven weeks next ensuing, the conditions fulfilled, the town votes their acceptance of the house." The sum of thirty pounds was also voted to meet the expense of the galleries, and a committee appointed to receive a certain bequest towards the cost of the building.

Imagine yourself coming from the north along this way. When you are at the top of the hill yonder, the road before you descends into a deep hollow. Fairly on the summit of the rise beyond stands an unpainted building, parallel with the highway, having a door in the end and another towards the road, with three (or four) windows each side of it, a similar row at the height of the second story, and others in the end towards you. These windows, not large, have small diamond-shaped panes and open inward on hinges. You enter. The walls are somewhat roughly plastered, but there is no ceiling. Directly before you is an aisle leading straight to a pulpit, the floor of which is six, or very likely eight, feet, and the top nine or ten feet high; above, a nicely paneled sounding-board, shaped something like a marquee tent, projects from the wall. There is an elevated pew directly in front of it, about two and a half or three feet above the floor, — "the deacon's seat." The house is filled with strong benches having backs, and there is a row of seats all around next the walls; those at the ends railed off with balusters from two aisles running to the stairs, in the two front corners which lead to the galleries that go round three sides of the building. The galleries have paneled fronts, topped off with a rail and little balusters eight or ten inches high. All the interior as well as exterior of the house is unpainted.

The two bodies of seats, you notice, are unequal; that on your left extending eighteen inches (or one seat) farther towards the rear of the house, having in front of them a table near the wall, but no turned corner-benches. When service begins you find all the men seated on that side, all the women on the other; while most of the boys and younger men are ranged in the west gallery, with a tithing-man watching over them, and carrying a long, slender rod. On the left of the pulpit, as you face it, is the minister's pew, and on the right a pew built by Samuel Dummer, Esq. There is no record of others. The gallery is furnished with seats like those of the floor. The "quiristers," elected as often as needful in town-meeting, sit in the gallery directly opposite the minister, the bass singers fenced off from the women by the division between the two parts of the gallery, but the tenors sitting on the women's side, behind them. The sopranos sometimes "filled the whole front." Directly below the pulpit, on the first seat of the middle aisle, are the Selectmen, and on the opposite side their wives; next come the very aged men, and on the opposite second seat their wives; on the third are some of the more wealthy and respected of the townspeople, and their wives across the aisle to their right; and so the quality tapers down until against the front walls are the young men who have recently graduated from under the tithing-man's rod.

And now, having seen how the young parish went to work to provide itself with a house of worship, let us look into its way of

#### GETTING A MINISTER.

Preaching was maintained from the first, the two deacons of neighboring churches, who lived within the town, being the committee for providing it. The sum of four hundred pounds was appropriated that year for all expenses, including the meeting-house and the minister, twenty pounds a quarter being set apart for him.\*

At the March meeting in 1731, it was voted to continue the preaching for the present, and a certain Mr. Smith was engaged; but it was also voted "not to approve of any gentleman

\* At this date an ounce of silver was still worth 21s. in currency.



at present for settlement, or in order to settlement." Mr. Smith, then, understands that he has no chance. The next meeting was held, March 18, and then the same sum was voted for preaching as the year before; and the two deacons, Harnden and Thompson, were authorized to treat with a minister for three months. Here you will please note a falling short of the method which, after these hundred and fifty years, the churches of nearly all denominations seem everywhere to have adopted. The favorite method now is to prepare as full a catalogue of candidates as possible, who are to walk in procession Sunday after Sunday, through the pulpit; after which they are in a condition, out of utter weariness and confusion, to consent to any one who is strongly urged; unless, indeed, they choose to disagree upon all.

The two deacons seem, however, not to have given universal satisfaction; for another committee was chosen, May 25, for the next quarter, with the same instructions. On the 6th of July, this committee are directed "to treat with Mr. Chandler" for three months' preaching. At the same meeting we note, in passing, that Abraham Jaquith and Kendall Pierson are made a committee for securing "a decent *burying place* to bury the dead in the town" (July 6, 1731). Up to this time, then, burials had been made either at the centers of Woburn or Reading, or in small lots near the homes of the deceased.

Then, on the 29th of October, 1731, one year from their first meeting, the town passed a vote that it "will provide for the settlement of a minister, in due time, by a sum of money given to him;" also, that the town is "ready to treat with a gentleman or gentlemen, with a view to settlement;" also, "that the Rev. *Mr. Varney* be treated with by the committee," "to preach to us for a time, in order to settlement."

That is to say: All the world is advertised that "the Town of Wilmington is ready for a minister; it will make suitable provision for him; its committee is duly authorized to negotiate; they will please begin with Mr. Varney, who is desired to serve us for a sufficient period to enable the people to know him well as a preacher and as a man." From this time, then, we must think of the firesides, the fields, the highways, and all places of regular or chance meeting, as hearing much talk and

speculation on this matter. The subject takes its place with that of the meeting-house, the new roads to be opened, the crops, the weather, the state of the markets, and the value of the paper money, as a regular staple of conversation.

On the 7th of December, 1731, the old committee on preaching seems to have been restored, to act "till further order." Then follows a vote which I quote in full, as marking a difference between those times and our own in the gravity with which towns then treated religious matters. The record is as follows: "Voted, That the Reverend Mr. Browne of Reading, and the Reverend Mr. Phillips of Andover, be treated with and entreated, by the committee in the town's behalf, to carry on the solemn exercises of a Fast in this town, for the Divine favor to this people in the great, weighty, and important affair of the choice and settlement of a gospel minister, upon the 23d day of December, instant. And in case these Reverend Gentlemen can't come, then to apply in like manner to the Reverend Mr. Barnard of Andover and the Reverend Mr. Putnam of Reading." Let us remember the town, in formal meeting, passed this resolve. The day of prayer was to be held in behalf of the town's choice of a man who should give instruction in the Christian religion to old and young, lead in the services of public prayer and praise, visit the sick and the afflicted, and bury the dead. Do we not all agree that the tone of the resolve befits its object? Were our fathers the worse for treating such matters with becoming seriousness?

On the 6th of January, 1732, the committee are ordered to make further arrangements with Rev. Mr. Varney, if they can. This looks as though they had been well pleased. But they seem to have failed; for on March 6th they are instructed to provide "transient preaching" for one month. Their hopes had come to naught; and they knew not what to do. And now comes something more like the modern way. There is, first, a vote "to hear ministers in order to settlement;" then distinct votes, to hear Rev. *Mr. Warren*, Rev. *Mr. Robbins*, Rev. *Mr. Brown*; and if any one of these can not be had, then to hear the other two. But here comes in a difference again. Instead of causing these gentlemen to pass in review before them as rapidly as possible, each one is to be listened to

for one month. There were no railroads through pulpits then.

On the 4th day of July, 1732, a special town-meeting was summoned for the choice of a minister, in which, to our surprise, a wholly new name appears — the Rev. *Mr. Ward Cotton*, who was unanimously elected “by paper vote.”\* The sum of three hundred pounds was voted for settlement; and “six score pounds, salary, of paper money, yearly, and to decrease or increase as the paper money, or other currency, shall rise or fall in value.”

A committee was also appointed “to seek after land for a minister,” for his house, and also for his cow and horse. A most substantial committee, composed of the deacons John Harnden and James Thompson, with William Butters, Abraham Jaquith and Benjamin Harnden, was appointed to treat with Mr. Cotton.

The negotiations did not go smoothly. For we find the town voting, Oct. 3, 1732, That the committee wait further upon Mr. Cotton. Meanwhile, it is voted that “Mr. *David Stearns* be sought for to preach till Mr. Cotton has been further treated with,” and the meeting adjourns for three weeks. But the town does not meet until the 31st of the month, four weeks. Then, either the people are dissatisfied with their committee, or the committee are discouraged; at any rate a wholly new committee, Kendall Pierson, chairman, is elected, and are instructed to treat with *Mr. Hobbey*, *Mr. Stearns*, *Mr. Browne* and *Mr. Ebenezer Hancock*, for one month’s preaching apiece “transiently.” Again at the March meeting (March 6th), 1733, this committee surrenders its life, and the town returns to its two deacons, with Lieut. Benjamin Harnden; and they are directed to treat with Mr. *Jabez Fox* and *Mr. Ebenezer Hancock*, each for four weeks. The meeting was adjourned to the last Tuesday of the month, when the town voted: that Mr. *Jonathan Pierpont* preach for the month of April and two Sabbaths in May. On May 18, there was another meeting. The town was evidently disappointed that

\*This, again looks a little modern. Mr. Cotton, we can fancy, is a man of whom they have heard such extraordinary things, that, without once setting eyes on him, they make haste to choose him, and do it unanimously.



they had been unsuccessful ; votes, that a minister be heard, in time convenient for settlement. A committee is chosen to supply the pulpit until the third Tuesday of June — to which time the town adjourns.

The town met again according to adjournment, June 19, and voted, “ that Mr. James Varney be treated with, to preach for one month,” and a committee of seven — the largest yet appointed — were chosen to confer with him. So the town had got back where it started, and is evidently hoping to carry out its original desire. The size of this committee indicates an expectation that something will come of this effort. And so it turns out ; for on the 12th of July, or about three weeks after, we find a “ meeting called for the choice of a minister and some other things,” and the first vote is “ to proceed to the choice of a Gospel minister, which results in *Mr. Varney's election*.

It will be remembered that in the act of incorporation, “ the inhabitants ” were “ required ” to provide themselves with a minister, “ within the space of three years.” That term was within two months and a half of its end ; whether this fact had anything to do with the present agreement, whether the delay had been occasioned by a want of unanimity in favor of Mr. Varney, which had now disappeared after the hearing of so many others, or whether, as is more probable, the hesitation was on Mr. Varney's side, and was occasioned by the uncertain state of his health, can not now be confidently asserted. Twelve men are on record as having supplied the pulpit, ten of them since the vote that the town was ready for a settlement ; but most of these had, probably, been mere transient supplies. The people seem to have now called the man who was their first choice.

They vote him a settlement of three hundred pounds,\* to be paid half the first year, and half the second, after his ordination ; one hundred and twenty pounds in currency, for his salary, to rise or fall, as its value falls or rises ; and that the town will be at the cost of obtaining its share of two thousand acres of land, “ laid out to Woburn,” for ministerial use, after it is obtained.

They likewise voted him twenty-five cords of wood yearly.

\*Silver being at eighteen shillings per ounce in currency.

Later, they appropriated thirty-two pounds\* for the expenses of the ordination. Mr. Varney was ordained, Oct. 24, 1733. The object of the incorporation of the town is accomplished. It is now a complete human society, families organized under the forms of both church and state, and is competent to fulfill all its functions.

#### THE MEETING-HOUSE REPAIRED.

I shall pass over about thirty years. They were years which witnessed the two French and Indian wars; the one commencing in 1744, and lasting about four years, the other in 1755, and lasting seven years. No small proportion of the burden of these wars on this continent fell upon Massachusetts, as was natural. For as early as 1721, her population was 94,000, while in 1729, eight years later, that of New York was but 65,000; and in 1732, three years later still, Pennsylvania had but 30,000; Maryland, 36,000, and New Jersey, 47,000. The worst result of the war here, however, was its disturbance of the currency. The government of the State felt itself compelled to issue paper money, which continually fell in value; giving opportunity to sharpers and speculators to ply their hateful business, to the grievous affliction of the great mass of the people; reducing many to poverty, and keeping the poor from rising. There are few disasters so deplorable and so exasperating, as the introduction of fiat money. And much of the currency of those times was little better.

The year 1762, as just remarked, saw the end of the second French war. And in 1764, the Wilmington people had become dissatisfied with their meeting-house. Its builders were grown old or had died, and the younger people wanted something up with the times. Besides, the population of the town had increased, and required more room.

As usual, it took some time to come to an agreement. The first vote appears May 21, 1764,—to “new shingle and clap-board the meeting-house,” to put in new windows, the glass

\*The cost of Rev. Mr. Jackson's ordination, in 1729, at Woburn, had been £83. 9s. 6d.; of which the principal item was, 433 dinners, @ 2s. 6d. each, £54. 2s. 6d. The keeping of 32 horses, 4 days, was but £3. But 6½ barrels of cider, cost £4. 11s.; and 25 gallons of wine £9. 10s.; while 178 suppers and breakfasts amounted to £8. 18s.



seven by nine, (instead of the diamond panes), also "new doors," and "as many pews as the house will admit of;" "the hind seats in the gallery were to be made banister seats."

But it seems that all were not pleased with this plan. For on the 4th of June, just a fortnight later, another meeting was held, at which all the votes of the preceding meeting were reconsidered, and then it was voted "to repair the meeting-house by adding twelve feet to its length," in the middle; "to make pews all around against the wall; to make another row of pews on the fore side of the alley; then finish it off, inside and out, and sell the pews to the highest bidder;" to pay for this by assessment on the town; it being understood that Joshua Thompson stands to his offer to pay \$50 towards the cost, over and above the sum that the pews shall bring. Captain Samuel Walker, Ensign Paul Cook, Thomas Pierce, Lieutenant Benjamin Harnden, and Ensign Thomas Rich were appointed a committee for carrying out this plan.

Ten days later this second plan was modified by a vote to make the addition of twelve feet at the west end instead of the middle. On November 26, again, it was voted "to plaster the meeting-house." So by degrees a plan was worked out.

If you had been coming along the road from the north-east some bright morning early in 1765, you would have seen, instead of the black, square, barn-like edifice of a year ago, a new-looking structure of decidedly oblong shape (58 feet by 36 feet), all resplendent in light yellow, with large-sized square panes, 7 by 9, in place of the old diamond panes; and entering, you find the interior changed still more. The walls have been newly plastered; new pews line the four sides, paneled and topped off with small balusters; and three pews on each hand front you as you stand in the middle doorway, leaving room for four rows of benches between them and the aisle running past the pulpit. Looking up, the fresh ceiling is disfigured with the old braces. Most of the gallery-front is brown with thirty-two years' exposure; but twelve feet of it are of the color of the pews. Two of the pews, however, near the pulpit, look old, like most of the gallery.

The townspeople's eyes were open; and at the March meeting of that year (1765) it was voted "That the braces in the

meeting-house be removed and put on top of the beams." What they were going to brace there, the record does not say. This vote evidently developed a difference of opinion. People must needs have something to exercise their faculties upon; and as nothing more important offered itself then, they discussed the question of these braces. "Shall they be cut out or not?" and if so, shall they be put above, to fasten the beams to the roof? On the 9th of September another meeting was held, and the opponents had been able to rally sufficient strength to bring the vote to a tie. An adjournment was taken to the 19th, at which time the progressives triumphed and the braces were doomed. It is probable, though by no means certain, that within a year they were removed.

May 19, 1766, we find still further tokens of new ideas in the vote "To paint the breast-works of the galleries, the pillars and the pulpit;" also, "To remove the 'chears' out of the alleys." But then, in March, 1767, the "chears" had not gone; the vote was repeated, and three men were appointed to see that the thing was done.

The cost of these repairs had amounted to £2132. 4s. 4d. old tenor, or somewhat over £284. new tenor.

Deacon Morrill (now near his eighty-fifth year) remembers this house well. Its interior had been painted, the records say, in 1766; and the color, when it came to be taken down in 1813, was a dull red, like old, rough mahogany. The pulpit, built by Mr. Evans, was a much nicer piece of work than the one in the meeting-house of 1814. It was handsomely grained in imitation of mahogany. "Its poplar framework, having been covered from the light, was found as white, when taken down, as when first put up." Above it was an elaborate sounding-board projecting from the wall, over the window, shaped with graceful curves and delicately colored, a very light red. It was paneled underneath. The pulpit desk was covered with some kind of crimson cloth, having a border of silk tassels. Upon it lay a rich velvet cushion, with large tassels at its corners. "Old Mr. Walker, minister at Danvers, was preaching one day, and nestled round so much that he knocked it off into the deacon's seat, much to the edification of the younger portion of the congregation, and it had to be taken up

to him. At the minister's right hand rose an iron bracket, shaped like a crane, holding an hour-glass." "At his left hand," when the deacon was young, "used to lean old Mrs. Jabez Brown, the Rev. Mr. Reynolds's mother-in-law, with her ear-trumpet, which she swayed back and forth, following the motions of the minister's body."

There was a broad stair below, on the level of the deacon's pew; and our venerable friend remembers hearing that his grandfather had a large dog who would make that stair his post for a dog's watchful kind of sleep during sermon-time; and when his dog-ship judged that the minister had preached long enough, he would rise, stretch himself, and gape; which was a signal, I suppose, for the tithing-men to shake their rods at the boys.

In the old times it was customary for a deacon to line off the hymns. There was old Deacon Benjamin Jaquith, who, by reason of failing eyesight or other infirmity, was a little uncertain in his reading; and tradition has not yet forgotten how "the dear old soul, his wife, used to quake inside of her bonnet and wince, when he stumbled over the lines. She owned 'it made her feel so bad.'"

Behind the pulpit the round-topped window had rows of side-lights. It was draped with heavy crimson curtains having tasseled borders, and was parted and hung over ornamental supports on each side. There were but three wall-pews on the minister's right, and the space of the fourth was taken up with the stairs and one or two seats placed sideways, in front of which seats was a passage leading to the closet underneath the pulpit.

This closet was an awesome place. In it were kept the christening-basin (gift of Cadwallader Ford) and another article, the thought of which, when the deacon was young, used to make his flesh creep. He "had to go into that closet, at times. It was a dark place, with a peculiar shut-up odor, and corners in which nobody knew what might be hiding itself." Going towards it one morning, he felt very timid about entering. Then he thought he heard something — "a pretty bad kind of a noise," he could not tell what. So he concluded he would get somebody to go with him; and found a young fellow



named Kittredge, who boldly declared that he would find out what made the noise. The two went together, Kittredge ahead. He found the basin, he found the "*grave-cloth*," and — nothing else. That noise remains a mystery. It probably sounded within those ghostly chambers which even boys often find near, but which their feet never tread.

We come next to

#### THE PERIOD OF THE REVOLUTION.

Let it ever be borne in mind that the Massachusetts Colony originated in the feeling of English Puritans that the liberty to practice the true religion was not secure in England. They feared a return of prelacy, and of Romanism, its elder sister. Hence the deep resolve that there should be another England across the water, where the true faith should be safe from assault. But that it might be safe, the political rights of the colony, secured by its charter, must be maintained. Let it ever be remembered, that this purpose, deliberately adopted by John Winthrop and those who acted with him, formed the very central principle and was the actual vital force of the whole movement. It was in the hearts of all the people. The original charter had been taken away Oct. 23, 1684, and the rights secured by it had been cut down; but every measure of the crown for repression, however successful, had only intensified the determination of the colony to maintain its essential freedom. It had fought every inch of ground, and this struggle had kept its purpose strong and fierce. During the French and Indian wars all questions of this nature were necessarily out of sight. But these wars were extremely burdensome. They laid upon the people a dreadful load of debt, and tormented them with a depreciated currency. So soon as the wars were over, this outcry arose: "We shall not get free of debt in many years." (Felt's Mass. Currency, p. 151.) "Can it be possible that the duties to be imposed and the taxes to be levied shall be assessed without the voice of one American in parliament?" Then comes the Stamp Act and the Revolution. But the fact to be noted is, that the very purpose in which this colony originated was itself an act of essential rebellion, covert, deliberate, and determined, against the powers supreme. It

was the purpose to have a *new* England, which should, first of all, and at any risk, be other than the old England in its very innermost spirit, and in its religious and political principles and forms, distinct. Sooner or later the newness of that new England must necessarily make itself both seen and felt. It had, indeed, been doing this all along, and now it was about to do it in a most decisive manner. The New was openly to defy the Old, and to make itself separate. And it was in no sense accidental that this separation began in Boston. John Winthrop, before he left England, investigated the question of the feasibility of an armed resistance to the British crown, if that should become necessary. The sword was in his mind when he started for these shores; and there never has come a time when the colony which he planted was not ready to shed its blood for the achievement of its hope,—the peace that only comes of liberty. Later, she engraved her solemn testimony to this readiness on her coat of arms:—“*Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem.*”—With her sword she seeks the stable peace of freedom.

On Monday, the 19th of September, 1768, the records give us the first note of the approaching struggle,—six years and a half before the Battle of Lexington,—in the election of *Mr. Paul Cook*, a committee-man to serve at a convention to be held at Boston, Thursday, the 22d; and also in a vote, “That the town do highly approve of the votes and proceedings of the town of Boston, and do return them their thanks.” Thus it was that the Town of Wilmington launched its raft upon the rapids of the rebellion. It was deliberately and decisively done, and never has the town repented its act.

I propose now to draw from the records so much of a view of the part taken by the town in this struggle as these records give. And first of all we are struck with the frequency of the town-meetings during this period. From the 19th of September, 1768, till the news of peace reached Congress, March, 1783, these numbered 135; during the seven years of the war, 110; or nearly an average of 16 a year. If these meetings took three hours each, of fifty men, whose labor was worth ten cents an hour, the cost amounted to about \$240 a year, or for seven years, to \$1680, besides their travel. But let us note



some of the things done in these meetings, and some of the little events with which greater ones were mixed.

Among the latter, I observe that "deer-reaves," or, as elsewhere called, "persons to inspect the killing of deer," were still among the town-officers; that, in '69, Rev. Mr. Morrill wanted his salary paid semi-annually, and the town refused to do it; that, in '70, it was voted to remove the school into three districts, and in '71 into four districts, a committee being appointed to determine the particular places, which indicates that school-houses had not been built in all. Also, in '71, there was a vote to send a representative to the General Court. It appears to have been customary for each town to pay its own representative; and hitherto Wilmington had uniformly been too economical to do this. But now public affairs were coming close home to every man, and all will be agreed, we should suppose, that they must have a voice in the great questions of the hour. But no; economy does not yet consent. In May this vote was reconsidered and negatived by a large majority. The times were not quite ripe for a measure so costly.

In March, '72, there seem to be school-houses in the "Nod" district, in "Mr. Walker's and Jaquith's," and "over by Buck's and Eames'," but in the south the school is to be held "at or near the house of Samuel Butters, Jr."

The year '73 opens with a sound of public commotion, the town holding a special meeting on Thursday, the 28th of January, at which a "committee appointed to examine the public grievances" made a report, which occupies a little over one page of the records.

What were these grievances? This paper declares: (1.) That the town agree to the opinions of the town of Boston recently published; expresses "sincere gratitude" to the town of Boston for the care and vigilance which it had shown in behalf of "the public good and safety;" pledges the town to join with Boston, "yea, with the whole continent," in every lawful expedient for the security of those civil rights which we still enjoy, and the recovery of those that we think have been unjustly wrested out of our hands (referring, I suppose, to the forcible abrogation of their first charter, and other acts in the same line of policy); plainly recognizes a just reason "for these

afflictive dispensations, in moral delinquencies of the people," "calls to mind how very remarkably the Supreme Governor of the world has appeared for our land, in times past, to deliver us from impending ruin," but does not think that we have deserved from the parent country the treatment we have suffered; and declares: "We are truly loyal to the king; but at the same time, must say, we apprehend the measures Great Britain is pursuing, if continued in, will terminate both in the ruin of the mother country and the colonies; but hope the time is not far distant when "our king shall have a right knowledge of our state, and shall scatter the blessings of peace and prosperity all abroad."

Such were the hopes which the Wilmington people were trying to cherish a little more than two years before the fight at Lexington. The king was going to learn their real condition; would then do them justice, and better times would come.

That 28th of January was very tempestuous, so the report was referred to the March meeting, at which it was read three times, unanimously adopted, ordered on record, and a copy sent to Boston. It is clear to one thoughtfully reading these records, that the feeling of the people was as vehement then as in the opening days of the late rebellion. Their action shows the same unanimity and the same incisive energy. But only a few leaders, such men as Samuel Adams and his compeers, were definitely expecting war; though the feeling had been growing, that at last it might come. At the same meeting, for the first time, a "*committee of correspondence with the Boston committee*" was chosen, consisting of Mr. Benjamin Jaquith, Mr. Timothy Walker and Mr. Reuben Butters.

A year later, March 7, 1774, we find a straw, indicating an ominous change in the outlook, and that everybody had begun to think of a resort to arms as not impossible. The town instructs the Selectmen "to examine the town's stock of powder and ball, and to buy more if they think proper."

I think it a somewhat grim fact, that this powder and ball were then stored in the meeting-house attic; which thus was not only a house of prayer, but also kept the powder dry. The incident is emblematic. Our fathers believed in "the sword of

the Lord and of Gideon,"—that there are times when the truth must be defended with earthly weapons, and that wars are righteous and are holy, when necessary to the end that godliness may not cease. Puritanism believes in the sacredness of the secular power when in the way of righteousness—and only then.

This act of the town followed close upon Gov. Gage's enforcement of the *Boston Port Bill*, that put a sudden stopper upon the business of the place. In the same meeting, a vote was taken not to purchase or use any *foreign teas*, liable to pay any duties. It was on the 16th of the previous December that the Boston Tea Party had taken place, which the Port Bill was intended to punish. You see that the town is ready at any instant to march squarely up to the mark. There is not a sign of any division of sentiment or any hanging back. Any step which the leaders at Boston recommend is unhesitatingly adopted here. So, July 14, 1774, we find them promptly ordering the town treasurer to pay the full sum assessed on the town toward the cost of the Continental Congress, then in session. The next vote was, "to choose a committee to draw up a '*Solemn League and Covenant*' for the freeholders and other inhabitants to sign." Cadwallader Ford, Jr., Mr. John Hathorn, Mr. Timothy Walker, Lieut. Ebenezer Jones, and Joshua Eames, were this committee. A fortnight later, their report was read three times, unanimously accepted, a committee to get signatures chosen, and then the Covenant, with the names, was ordered to be kept by the clerk till we hear the result of the Continental Congress—which was to meet on the 5th of September of that year (1774).\*

On the 30th and 31st days of August a convention for the county of Middlesex was held at Concord, the Hon. James Prescott, chairman. The result of this convention came up before the people of Wilmington, in a meeting held in the meeting-house, on the 7th of September, when it was accepted, and ordered on record. This result fills six pages of the town records, and gives the names of all the members of the conven-

\*A note in the records declares that a certain member of the Committee to draw up the covenant (whose name has been carefully scratched out), though he had agreed to, at last refused to sign it. (Was it John Hathorn?)



tion, and its acts. Its formal declaration begins thus: "It is evident to every attentive mind, that this province is in a very dangerous and alarming condition. We are obliged to say, however painful it may be to us, that the question now is, whether, by a submission to some acts of the parliament of Great Britain, we are contented to be the most abject slaves, and entail that slavery on posterity after us, or by a manly, just and virtuous opposition, assert and support our freedom." The declaration ends with these words: "Our fathers left a fair inheritance to us, purchased by a waste of blood and treasure. This we are resolved to transmit equally fair to our children after us. No damage shall affright, no difficulties intimidate us. And if, in support of our rights, we are called to encounter even death, we are yet undaunted; sensible that he can never die too soon who lays down his life in support of the laws and liberties of his country."

The beauty of this talk lay in its truth. Again we are reminded of the oneness in spirit of that generation with the first and with the present. We are now, and have ever been, one people with our fathers. Our liberties are a sacred treasure.

Another little fact indicates, Sept. 26, 1774, a change of times, of such a character as to reach the pockets of the citizens. At last they are willing to be at the cost of a representative to the General Court; and Mr. Timothy Walker is chosen to go to Concord in that capacity. On the 20th of December, they again vote to raise the Province tax, of £19. 5s. 4d. — (\$66), to be paid into a special town committee, and to "indemnify and defend the constables from all loss and charges that may arise from not paying the same to Harrison Gray, Esq.," his majesty's treasurer. So, you see, the strands are breaking that held the Province to the crown. One of the most important was this, by which the taxes were drawn into the king's treasury. That flow stopped, here in Wilmington, on that 20th of December, 1774, five months, less one day, before Lexington fight. Ephraim Buck, Jr., was one of the two constables; the Ephraim that in August, three years before, was in the woods chasing the bear; and who is now thirty-two years old. He paid over the taxes that he collected to Mr. Timothy Walker, town treasurer, (for the vote appointing a committee

was reconsidered); and he doubtless felt, as he did it, that it was a more interesting and important act than the hunting of any bear. And indeed it was. The king had got his last copper from the farmers of Wilmington, and the treasury of the Commonwealth, not yet fully organized, was receiving its first. It was an interesting moment. Every one felt it. All the taxpayers of the town knew that this time they were not paying to the king, but to themselves. Already the government had begun again to be, as in the beginning, "by the people and for the people."

Mr. Timothy Walker, on January 17th, 1775, is chosen delegate to the Provincial Congress, "at Cambridge *or elsewhere*." They were not sure, we see, of meeting there, but only of meeting somewhere.\* Also, at the same time, it was agreed "To take some proper method to relieve the suffering poor of Boston." That city, you remember, was cut off from all its trade by sea; the Boston Port Bill had gone into force June 1, 1774, and Gen. Gage was on hand, to see to its execution, as early as the 13th of May.

And Boston deserved this at the hands of all her sister towns, by the greatness of both her sufferings and her services. She then numbered about seventeen thousand inhabitants, "almost wholly of English extraction, educated, industrious and energetic; the wealthier citizens noted for their hospitality and politeness; and it was the heart of a wide-reaching enterprise, the principal commercial emporium in the colonies."† With a forecast and courage which is most impressive to the student of her history, she had led this movement, and now found herself garrisoned by British troops, her population reduced to an enforced idleness, and deprived of the means of sustenance. Throughout the land, people praised her and thanked her; and proved their sincerity by large contributions toward her pressing needs. Wilmington was not backward.

The next entry, of interest, which occurs in the records, bears date March 6, 1775. We are coming near to the Lexington fight. On this day, the town voted "to comply with the

\* The name "Congress" seems to have been chosen because it was not organized as a General Court in the manner provided in the charter.

† Frothingham's *"Siege of Boston,"* p. 19.



resolve of the Provincial Congress respecting the raising of minute men;" and "that every man from sixteen to sixty, that doth not appear at this house next Wednesday, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, with arms and ammunition according to law, shall pay a fine of six shillings," (one dollar), "provided he or they cannot give a reasonable excuse." Three days later, the town voted, "To enlist 24 good, able-bodied minute men," and ordered that they should train two half-days in the week, for three weeks; and after that, one half-day, each private receiving one shilling, the captain three shillings, the lieutenant two shillings, for each half-day." On March 20th,—just thirty days before Lexington,—another meeting was held, and Cadwallader Ford, Jr., was ordered to "purchase good, effective firearms for such minute men as are not able to buy them, to be returned to the town's stock at the end of service."

We are reminded here of a difference between those days and these. Then the woods were full of wild game, every house had its gun, and every grown boy was accustomed to firearms. Moreover, it was but twelve years since the end of the last French war; and as there are men now living in our towns who served against the late rebellion, so there were old soldiers then, enough, probably, to officer the companies.

Our town records contain no reference to the Lexington fight. Some of the minute men must have been in it; but I have, as yet, received no knowledge of their number or names. I find mention of the older towns,—Reading and Billerica; and Woburn sent a body, one hundred and eighty strong, under Major Loammi Baldwin. Very possibly Wilmington, so recently a part of Woburn, may have sent her minute men with those of the mother town.

So, War has come! And this time, not a war with savages, or with savages re-enforced and led by Frenchmen; but war against their lawful king, and with their own flesh and blood. We can recall the feeling which the attack on Sumpter first awoke, the sense that, solemn, awful war was indeed upon us! that there were going to be battles, possibly even defeats; events bloody and terrible, and which would go upon the page of history. Let us be sure, it was so then. Fathers looked

thoughtfully on their sons. Mothers dreaded the hour which they foresaw. War, in truth, had come to the door of every house. There was nothing to do but to fight it out; and Wilmington went up squarely to the mark, whenever any demand was laid upon her.

In January, 1776, a vote is passed, to send the "quota of wood to the army that were besieging the British, in Boston." In July, 1776, a meeting is called to enlist seventeen men, to join the forces going to Canada. On September 30th, a wholly new kind of interest comes up. There is talk of framing a State Constitution; some are for it, and some against. This town consents that the present House of Representatives and Council may do it; but declares that it must be referred to the towns, for ratification. They are not fighting to be free from King George, in order to become passive subjects of any King Samuel or King John, or of any General Court.

By February 12th, 1777, still another matter crowds itself on their notice. They were beginning to feel the war, as we felt it, in 1863. Prices had risen. All values were in confusion, causing great embarrassment. So, the selectmen and the Committee of Safety meet, and determine the prices of farmers' and mechanics' labor, of wood, charcoal, horse-shoeing, of tavern fare, and mugs of flip and toddy. A comparison of these brings out some curious results. Farm labor, for example, between November and February, is 1s. 6d. a day, or twenty-five cents; horse-shoeing, with steel tips and corks, costs 3s., or fifty cents. A man must work two days, then, to get a horse shod. Dinner at a tavern is 1s. Three dinners, then, are equal to two days' work. Plainly, farm hands, in Wilmington, cannot board at taverns. Flip, made of New England rum, costs 8d. a mug. Two mugs, then, come within two pence of drinking up a day's wages. Farm hands cannot afford to drink toddy. Oak wood brings 10s. a cord, or \$1.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ , which is equal to about six and one-half days of farm labor, and plainly says to laboring men, — Cut your own wood.

There is another vote, March 3d, 1777, which has a strange sound in these days, — accepting all negro slaves, whom their owners choose to free, and agreeing to support them as the town's poor, if unable to maintain themselves.

A little later, March 17, 1777, came renewed indications of the burdens of war, \$2,000 (dollars, now, not pounds), raised, in addition to the bounty given by Congress and the State; and again, £18. (pounds this time; the new reckoning has not yet quite displaced the old) to the men who enlisted in January. Votes appropriating sums to recruits going on particular campaigns, are now continually occurring. For example, August 19th, \$50, to such as join the army against Burgoyne. Again, May 12, 1778, £133. 6s. 8d., to nine months' men, and £100. to eight months' men, going to Fishkill, with mileage at 6d. a mile. July 14th, 1778, they vote to pay such of the men going to Rhode Island, as do not need the cash down, in town notes, bearing interest. In July, men going to Rhode Island, *for six weeks*, are to receive £24. per month,—seemingly a large sum; but when you remember that in this year it took \$328 in currency to buy \$100 in silver, it does not seem extravagant. In the next year, the depreciation was worse, and \$742 must be paid; in 1780, \$2,934; and in 1781, \$7,500. In 1780, the Rev. Mr. Morrill's wood was rated at £30 a cord, for one month, and those who fail to bring their share within the month, shall pay £60 a cord. The taxes amounted to £12,372. In these times, the value of the paper money had to be fixed, by authority, every month. No debts ought to have run more than thirty days.

In March, 1779, an addition of £200 had to be made to Mr. Morrill's salary, on account of the high prices. In April, a committee was appointed "to inspect the market, and use their utmost endeavors to prevent monopoly and forestalling." People, it would seem, had not then come to believe in these as a legitimate business. The truth is, the evils of a depreciating currency were intolerable; and, on July 14th, of this year, another desperate effort was made to check them by force. A convention met at Concord, which adopted spirited resolutions, and proceeded to make up a list of prices, at the head of which I find, West India toddy, 12s. a mug; a dinner, 15s.; a day's labor, from 36s. to 48s. according to the season. It may be asked, what could these votes effect? and what could the Wilmington Committee of inspection accomplish? The intention of these measures, the action of the mother town will



show. This same summer, the town of Woburn voted,\* “That if any persons should violate the resolutions of the Concord convention,” “he should, upon conviction before the Committee of inspection, be accounted as an enemy of his country, have his name published in the newspapers of Boston, and be cut off from all intercourse and dealings with the other inhabitants of the town, for such a time as the committee should fix.” A few months seem to have taught people, however, that the difficulty was not to be remedied in this way. The votes really amounted to nothing.

The General Court of 1777 had framed a new constitution, which had been submitted to the towns. On June 12th, of the following year, Wilmington appointed a committee, with Rev. Mr. Morrill as chairman, to examine it and report; and on the 29th, this committee (after some change in its membership) submitted four objections, and a recommendation, as follows:—

1. There ought to be a bill of rights.
2. A governor and lieutenant-governor are a needless expense; the President of the Council is enough.
3. While so many are absent in the army, it is no time to make a new constitution.
4. The one now in force will answer for the present, and the new one is not needed.
5. They recommend that, when the war is over, a body of men be chosen, for the sole purpose of drawing up a constitution.

This report was unanimously adopted, “there being present 73 voters.” It is interesting to note the working of the democratic system of those days, and to see that every man had his voice with regard to the most important matters; and also, with what discretion the people acted, putting forward their best men, and faithfully following leaders who were worthy of trust.

In April of this year (1778), the small-pox invaded the town, and the question came up in town-meeting, “Shall we inoculate?” Two objections to this were usually made in those days: First, it seemed a dreadful thing, to poison a healthy person with this disease. He might die; and would it not, then, be the same as murder? And again, the whole endeavor seemed to many, a flying in the face of the Divine ordinance,

\* History, p. 382.

which appoints to every man his hour of death. The town refused to inoculate; and voted to prosecute any person instrumental in spreading the disease, either by inoculation or otherwise. They instructed the selectmen to enforce proper regulations, and examine any person seen going to the house of John Jaquith, or other infected places. Afterward, a pest-house was provided.

In 1779, another effort was made for a State Constitution, and, at the same time, there was again a movement for alleviating the evils of a depreciated currency. On the 23d of August, the town chose two delegates to the Constitutional Convention at Cambridge, and two, also, to that which was to meet at Concord, to deliberate on money and prices. The next seven town-meetings are taken up with measures for raising recruits and their bounties, expenses created by the small-pox, the making up of the minister's salary and wood, with voting \$1,000 additional to the salary, in view of the depreciation of the currency, and, in the next meeting, re-considering the vote, and agreeing to do it "by subscription, if possible;" and on the 17th of May, 1780, the Form of Constitution, reported by the Cambridge Convention, is submitted to the people, and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Isaac Morrill, Cadwallader Ford, Esq., Major Ebenezer Jones, Ens. Nathan Pearson, Mr. Reuben Butters, Captain John Harnden, Captain Joshua Harnden. On May 24, the Constitution, with the amendments proposed by this committee, were unanimously accepted, "there being fifty-two voters present and voting." May 29, however, distinct action was taken upon one of the amendments, as follows: "To see if the town would have the 111th Article in the Declaration of Rights amended, as follows: 'That there be free liberty of conscience allowed to Calvinists and Arminians; and that they have full and free liberty to pay their money towards the support of the Gospel to such public teacher, or teachers, on whom they attend; and that the majority of any town, parish or precinct, in this State, shall not have it in their power to settle a public teacher over the consciences of the minority, and contrary to their sentiments.'" Twenty-seven voted for this, and twenty-one against it. But at an adjourned meeting, on the 5th of June, this action was reversed, by a vote of forty-six to forty-three.



This little record of numbers tells quite a story. At the first meeting, evidently, it had not been generally known that this point was coming up, and there seems to have been but forty-eight voters present who had made up their minds. But during the week that followed, it is clear that some talking was done, in those first summer days, on something besides the prospects of the hay-crop and the deeds of Sumpter's and Marion's men in South Carolina. The town was almost equally divided; one part saying that no majority had a right to force their Calvinism down the throats of people who did not like it, and the other part remonstrating, that ministers had got to be chosen somehow; and how, but by a fair vote and a majority? There is no doubt that both parties scoured the town for voters; and the next Monday showed eighty-nine instead of forty-eight prompt to show their hands at the town-meeting. At the South they were thinking then of quite other things. On the 12th of May Charleston had been surrendered to the British, and very likely the news did not reach the farmers of Wilmington much before June; possibly it came during the very time of these discussions.

By September 4th the new State constitution was going into operation, and the people met for the choice of officers. Here the Hon. John Hancock, Esq., received sixty-seven votes for Governor; the Hon. Azen Orne, Esq., forty-two for Lieutenant-Governor; and for the same office, the Hon. James Bowdoin, Esq., fifteen, — both together ten less than those for the Governor; and the five Senators, fifty-one each. It is noteworthy that in this first election of State officers the total vote fell short by twenty-two votes of that on the Arminian question, and that sixteen men were willing to say that they wanted John Hancock for Governor, who did not care who were chosen Senators.

On the 22d of June the people seem to have grown tired of appropriating currency, the ultimate value of which could not be known, and put some *corn* into their appropriation for the twelve men going to the war, — “fifty bushels, with £750, paper money, to each man;” also to supply their families with corn at \$50 a bushel. Again, on July 4th, they vote 18 bushels of corn a month, with mileage at the same rate, reckoning 20

miles one day's travel. They also give them \$1000 each, and a blanket, "to be returned when they come home." But the number and condition of the blankets returned at the end of the three months are nowhere mentioned. In October, £7000 are voted for supplying 4560 lbs. of beef to the army; and in December, \$35,020 for 8755 lbs.

On Feb. 26th, 1781, the town gets back to one of the most ancient species of currency ever used, voting to give to the ten three-years men *twenty calves* each; if discharged after one year's service, the calves are to be one year old; if after two years' service, then two years old; if after three, then three years old. It amounted to this: each man has set aside for him, before he joins the army, twenty calves; and whether he returns in one or three years, there they are, with interest, to meet him on his coming. In March of the following year the work of raising recruits was brought still closer to individuals by a division of the whole number of adult males into ten classes, each class to furnish a man from its own members or otherwise.

With all the alterations in the value of money, the town treasurer must have had a hard time of it. The people thought so, and on March 12th voted "to give Timothy Walker, Esq., 18 bushels of corn, next Christmas, for his extraordinary services as treasurer for the last three years." Few, I think, would now be willing to undertake the same work for six bushels a year.

But while Wilmington was thus faithful in its duty to the country at large, it was equally true to duties nearer home. Three days later we find a vote recorded directing the assessors to lay the tax for Rev. Mr. Morrill's salary *in silver money*; and other acts of similar tenor appear frequently throughout the reign of paper. But, at this same meeting, when somebody proposed that "each *squadron* of the town" (as though in these war-times the very town had become a troop) "should draw money for schooling in proportion to the taxes it pays," this was speedily voted down, probably under the impression that it was the children, and not the dollars, that were to get the benefit of the schools.

In July, 1781, we again find them furnishing beef for the army

to the amount of the minister's salary ; and — what comes harder still — seven men must be found to go to West Point. In August it was agreed that each of these men enlisting for three months should be paid \$60 bounty. The matter is to be managed by the "classes" into which the town is divided, and each soldier is to get \$20 before he starts. That you may get some idea of the trouble that this business made, I note, in passing, that in June, 1781, four town-meetings were held, in July five, and in August five — fourteen, you may say, during hay-time.

But meanwhile all the thoughts of people were not centering on the war and its taxes, or on the perplexities of the currency. This was the time when the religious change, which some thirty years later eventuated in Unitarianism, was seething in minds quite unconscious of the surprise that was in preparation for all parties. Very few, indeed, anticipated the actual result. A bubble of this fermentation broke in town-meeting, Oct. 14th, 1782. An article had been brought forward in the meeting of September 30th, and Timothy Walker, Esq., Major Joshua Harnden, Mr. Benjamin Thompson, and Mr. Nathan Pearson were appointed a committee to confer with Rev. Mr. Morrill about it. It reads thus: "To see if the town will grant liberty to sundry persons requesting the same" (probably the persons just named) "to open the meeting-house to such gospel ministers, of a regular standing, as they shall see fit, upon the week-time, when not used for other services." In brief, the question was: May some of us have *Arminian* preaching instead of Mr. Morrill's Calvinism? and the town said, No. It was a period of changes. Political ideas had undergone a revolution, and the foundations of religion and of morals also were going to be questioned; as we have been seeing ever since. Nor is this something to complain of or to regret. Subjects must needs be earnestly discussed in order to be understood, and this understanding is essential to both permanence and progress.

This meeting was in October. One more was held on Christmas day. Peace was signed on the 20th of January, 1783, and the news of it reached Congress in March. The weary struggle of arms was over; but the war had made deep marks which re-



mained long visible, and bequeathed burdens that were felt for many years.

Here ends my record. It would be interesting to go over the signs of returning prosperity after the war, to tell how little Tommy Bond was so eager to be a soldier, that, after being rejected, owing to his youth and smallness, he tried again, and, by standing on tip-toe, managed to slip through into the army ; but how, when he got into camp, they laughed at him, and put him into the bakery. So it happened that he graduated, at the end of the war, a skilful baker ; came to Wilmington, and published countless editions of those two-leaved tracts, so popular even to-day, under the title of "*Bond's Crackers.*" We should be glad to know about Wilmington farming, and its hop-raising, and the Middlesex Canal, long a source of prosperity to the town. We should be glad, also, to review the building of the second meeting-house in 1813, and the desperate contest about its site, which was ended so shrewdly by Esquire Blanchard. It would be pleasant, likewise, to look over the list of the ministers who have served here, and to trace the prosperity of the church, and to follow out the histories of sons of Wilmington who have won distinction ; but to treat of all of these topics of interest would require a book, instead of a chapter, and must be left to other hands.

We have surveyed the first fifty-three years of the town's history ; and what have we to say, now at the close ? This : that through all these years the town of Wilmington has come up to the mark. If there was anything for her to do, she did it. I believe, that, on the whole, this may be noted as a trait of the town, down to the present day. It seems to me that a general character of *stability and trustworthiness*, has ever characterized this people, and belongs to them now. They make no pretense, they give occasion for little talk, but it may be said of them, with certainly as much justice as of others, they mind their business and they do their duty.

Of course all communities have differences in opinion, which sometimes grow into antagonisms of feeling. But the history

of this town shows a somewhat unusual freedom, if I am not mistaken, from serious quarrels. They have been few, and less formidable and less lasting than quarrels have often proved elsewhere. Men never know what unseen tornadoes may be lying low beneath their horizon ; but certainly no storm is now in sight. The good people of Wilmington are at peace with one another and with all the world. It may be said that there is good reason for the universal kindness which we unconsciously depend upon here, for a very considerable proportion of our population is interknit in a web of relationships which would tax the genius of the experts of the Genealogical Society to unravel. Were it put into a chart it would show a spider's web, intricate as those found in the corners of disused rooms.

This general unity is exemplified in the church history of the town. Ordinarily, a place of this size would have two churches, or perhaps three ; and, if at the West, probably four or five. We have only one ; which still retains its ancient, catholic name. We do not forget that the absence of another organization here may be owing, in part, to a wise economy. But all the world knows that when people quarrel, they lose the power of counting dollars.

Nor are we going to claim that the population of this town are all church-goers. A great many, I am sorry to say, are not. They would be most affectionately welcomed. Perhaps when they come to realize that, in very deed, the church here has never been, consciously, the church of a sect, but ever, in intention and desire, the home of Christ's people, and the servant of all the people, longing to be the helper and comforter of all souls, then perhaps some hearts that have looked at it with indifference will turn towards it with a little, answering love. So may it be.\*

At any rate, let us be true to this good town's record. It is not a town of which any are to be ashamed. It is worthy of the affectionate respect of all her children. Let us not lose her key-note. *Good Sense, Fidelity and Unity*, have been her

\* A few months after these sentences were uttered, a very promising movement was made for the establishment of a Methodist church ; and has been received by the members of the old church with courtesy and friendliness.



traits in the past. Let us make it sure that a habit of good sense, of faithfulness and of agreement, is handed down by this generation to the next. Let us resolve that, come what will, we will not allow impulse or passion to run away with judgment; that in all relations and under all circumstances, we will be fair and true, and, that we will hold together. Then, when fifty years hence, the sons of this present generation, lost to view, perhaps, in a great company of new comers, shall meet on this spot, or in some larger place of assembly, to celebrate the town's second centennial, they will be thankful, as they testify that the town has held her ancient repute, and that *Good Sense, Fidelity and Unity*, have characterized her for two hundred years.



# VALUATION

OF THE

Real and Personal Property

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

FOR THE

Year 1880.



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# VALUATION.

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Ames, Joseph A., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1400	
1 barn, . . . . .		600	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		300	
homestead, . . . . .	10	1250	
1 blacksmith shop and dw'g-house,		600	
dwelling-house No. 2, . . . . .		1300	
land, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	50	
1 store, . . . . .		1800	
land, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	50	
dwelling-house No. 3, . . . . .		1000	
land, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	50	
dwelling-house No. 4, . . . . .		1000	
land, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	50	
Canal lot, pasture, . . . . .	16	480	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	10	150	
Ruel Carter lot, English, . . . . .	5	250	
“ “ tillage, . . . . .	3	150	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	75	1500	
Simonds lot, wood, . . . . .	18	450	
John Flagg lot, unimproved, . . . . .	31	620	
Mrs. Allen “ “ . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	50	
Prim “ “ . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		13125	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		3680	211 86
Ames, Joseph N., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Arno, Oliver H., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		850	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		225	15 24
Ames, William, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Ames, Mary Ann, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . .		400	
1 woodshed . . . . .		75	
orchard, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	125	
Total amount of real estate, . .		600	7 50
Avery, E. B., 1 poll.			
Richardson lot, wood, . . . .	6	240	
“ “ unimproved, . . . .	$18\frac{1}{2}$	300	
Logan “ “ . . . . .	$2\frac{3}{4}$	100	
Total amount of real estate, . .		640	9 80
Avery, Maria, Mrs.			
$\frac{1}{2}$ dwelling-house, . . . . .		250	
1 barn, . . . . .		125	
English, . . . . .	5	100	
meadow, . . . . .	2	40	
pasture, . . . . .	7	140	
wood, . . . . .	$11\frac{1}{2}$	90	
unimproved, . . . . .	$6\frac{1}{2}$	100	
Total amount of real estate, . .		845	10 56
Allen, Johnson K., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, .		25	2 11
Allen, Olive F.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		400	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
English, . . . . .	1	50	
pasture, . . . . .	6	150	
meadow, . . . . .	5	100	
Total amount of real estate, . .		800	10 00
Avery, Everett G., 1 poll, . . . .			1 80
Avery, Frank E., 1 poll, . . . .			1 80
Addison, John, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	25	
English, . . . . .	$3\frac{1}{2}$	140	
unimproved, . . . . .	8	120	
exempt from taxation, . . . .		500	2 94
Baxter, James A., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, .		35	2 24
Butters, Eldad.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		50	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Butters, Eldad, <i>continued</i> .			
land, unimproved, exempt,	2	50	
Buck, Stephen, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house,		800	
tillage,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	150	
cranberry meadow,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	150	
Total amount of real estate,		1100	15 55
Buck, Henry, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house,		900	
1 barn,		200	
1 carriage-house,		50	
tillage,	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	50	
Total amount of real estate,		1200	
Total amount of personal estate,		35	17 24
Bisbee, Charles E.			
1 dwelling-house,		450	
1 barn,		100	
tillage,	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	
English,	2	80	
meadow,	2	30	
pasture,	3	60	
unimproved,	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	230	
Total amount of real estate,		1050	13 13
Buck, Otis C., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house,		1000	
1 barn,		250	
1 carriage-house,		50	
tillage,	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	200	
English,	1	100	
Total amount of real estate,		1600	
Total amount of personal estate,		1285	37 86
Buck, Arthur O., 1 poll,			1 80
Bancroft, Hiram, 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate,		200	4 30
Bond, Thomas D., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house,		5000	
1 barn,		500	
tillage,	2	200	
meadow,	5	200	
pasture,	8	400	
unimproved,	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	105	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Bond, Thomas D., <i>continued.</i>			
Morrill lot, tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
“ “ meadow, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	20	
Leonard Eames lot, unimproved, . . . . .	4	100	
William Eames “ wood, . . . . .	10	400	
“ “ “ unimproved, . . . . .	4	80	
Carter “ “ . . . . .	12	360	
Manning “ “ . . . . .	16	400	
Butters “ wood, . . . . .	10	550	
Butters field and ladder pole lot, wood, . . . . .	45	2500	
Blanchard lot, wood, . . . . .	6	240	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		11155	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		4700	199 99
Burnap, George.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1200	
1 barn, . . . . .		200	
tillage, . . . . .	1	150	
Silver Lake plan, lots Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 39, . . . . .	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	300	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1850	23 13
Bancroft, Hannah M., Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		200	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
English, . . . . .	4	160	
meadow, . . . . .	4	40	
pasture, . . . . .	3	75	
unimproved, . . . . .	10	200	
Pink Swamp lot, wood, . . . . .	6	180	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1530	19 13
Bancroft, Harmon, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		550	
1 barn, . . . . .		275	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
English, . . . . .	5	250	
meadow, . . . . .	1	25	
pasture, . . . . .	6	120	
wood, . . . . .	5	200	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Bancroft, Harmon, <i>continued.</i>			
unimproved, . . . . .	90	300	
Father Kemp lot, unimproved, . . . . .	8	120	
Carter " " " " . . . . .	4	60	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1975	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		460	32 24
Blaisedell, L. J., Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		200	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
North lot, pasture, . . . . .	4	100	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	8	120	
Neck " meadow, . . . . .	5	100	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	25	
Perry " meadow, . . . . .	3	100	
Jenkins lot, unimproved, . . . . .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	
J. G. Richardson lot, unimproved, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	25	
Rub lot, wood, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	80	
Part of Rufus Richardson lot, wood, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	
Bond lot, wood, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	65	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	4	40	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1765	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		100	23 33
Buck, Darius, and L. J. Blaisedell.			
Gardner lot, wood, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	63
Butters, Lorenzo, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	75	
orchard, . . . . .	1	75	
English, . . . . .	6	180	
pasture, . . . . .	13	195	
unimproved, . . . . .	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	130	
Swamp lot, meadow, . . . . .	4	60	
" " wood, . . . . .	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	110	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	4	60	
A. Butters lot, " . . . . .	14	140	
Dwire " meadow, . . . . .	1	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1950	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		590	33 55

Names, and description of Real Estate.				Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Butters, Esther.						
	1	dwelling-house,	.	.	.	250
		English,	.	.	.	1 50
		pasture,	.	.	.	12 240
		meadow,	.	.	.	51 210
		wood,	.	.	.	3 150
		unimproved,	.	.	.	21 35
		exempt from taxation,	.	.	.	500 5 44
Bell, Elizabeth, Mrs.						
	1	dwelling-house,	.	.	.	850
	1	barn,	.	.	.	100
	1	woodshed,	.	.	.	50
		tillage,	.	.	.	1 30
		English,	.	.	.	17 525
		meadow,	.	.	.	3 60
		pasture,	.	.	.	14 210
		meadow,	.	.	.	2 40
		Brook lot, pasture,	.	.	.	28 700
		“ “ wood,	.	.	.	5 300
		“ “ unimproved,	.	.	.	7 125
		Carter “ English,	.	.	.	5 150
		“ “ meadow,	.	.	.	5 125
		“ “ unimproved,	.	.	.	12 180
		Crowell “ pasture,	.	.	.	11 165
		“ “ unimproved,	.	.	.	11 165
		Total amount of real estate,	.	.	.	3775
		Total amount of personal estate,	.	.	.	605 54 75
Bell, Rensalear, 1 poll.						
		Total amount of personal estate,	.	.	.	75 2 74
Blanchard, Roxann N.						
		wood,	.	.	.	8 400
		unimproved,	.	.	.	24 600
		exempt from taxation,	.	.	.	500 6 25
Bailey, John, 1 poll.						
	1	dwelling-house.	.	.	.	400
	1	barn,	.	.	.	200
	1	woodshed,	.	.	.	50
		tillage,	.	.	.	3 100
		English,	.	.	.	3 150
		wood,	.	.	.	2 100
		unimproved,	.	.	.	15 225
		Carter lot, wood,	.	.	.	3 180



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Bailey, John, <i>continued</i> .			
Carter lot, meadow, . . . . .	3	30	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	5	75	
Taylor lot, wood, . . . . .	8	200	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1710	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		285	26 75
Bailey, Hannah.			
$\frac{1}{2}$ dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
English, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	50	Exempt.
Boutwell, William H., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		315	5 74
Boutwell, William, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house. . . . .		250	
1 barn, . . . . .		50	
2 sheds, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	4	140	
English, . . . . .	6	200	
meadow, . . . . .	1	15	
pasture, . . . . .	8	150	
unimproved, . . . . .	31	372	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1227	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		70	18 02
Buck, Jonathan, estate.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	2	100	
English, . . . . .	6	210	
pasture, . . . . .	25	500	
meadow, . . . . .	12	240	
wood, . . . . .	6	240	
unimproved, . . . . .	22	396	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2811	35 14
Buck, Darius, 1 poll.			
Bond lot, wood, . . . . .	$1\frac{1}{2}$	100	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		2951	39 94
Butters, William A., estate.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	40	
exempt from taxation, . . . . .		222	5 54

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Buck, Nathan E., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1000	
1 barn, . . . . .		200	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		100	
1 slaughter-house, . . . . .		100	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		20	
tillage, . . . . .	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	140	
English, . . . . .	2	80	
pasture, . . . . .	4	80	
meadow, . . . . .	3	45	
wood, . . . . .	2	70	
unimproved, . . . . .	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	
Harnden meadow, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1995	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		370	31 37
Buck, Myron E., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Bancroft, H. L., and T. F. Gowing's estate.			
unimproved, . . . . .	4	40	50
Buck, J. Henry, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Boynton, Frank M., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Boynton, Dan W., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Buck, Charles, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
1 slaughter-house, . . . . .		100	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		40	
1 shed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	2	80	
English, . . . . .	4	160	
meadow, . . . . .	1	20	
Newman lot, tillage, . . . . .	1	35	
" " wood, . . . . .	1	40	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	4	60	
Manning lot, wood, . . . . .	6	210	
Clark lot, unimproved, . . . . .	8	70	
Brook lot, " . . . . .	4	60	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1975	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		200	28 99
Bond, Joshua, 1 poll.			
3 dwelling-houses, . . . . .		800	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
<b>Bond, Joshua, <i>continued.</i></b>			
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
tillage, . . . . .	2	70	
English, . . . . .	2	70	
pasture, . . . . .	2	30	
meadow, . . . . .	2	40	
wood, . . . . .	10	400	
unimproved, . . . . .	12	180	
Butters lot, English, . . . . .	2	60	
“ “ wood, . . . . .	1	40	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	
“ “ pasture, . . . . .	14	200	
James Bond lot, tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	50	
Eldad Butters “ “ . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	30	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2120	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		375	32 99
<b>Buck, Nathan, 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 barn, . . . . .		75	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
1 tool-house, . . . . .		25	
orchard, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	75	
English, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{3}$	75	
meadow, . . . . .	$\frac{7}{7}$	105	
pasture, . . . . .	23	414	
wood, . . . . .	5	250	
unimproved, . . . . .	3	75	
Carter meadow, . . . . .	4	60	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1679	22 79
<b>Buck, James F.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 barn, . . . . .		500	
1 slaughter-house, . . . . .		100	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
orchard, . . . . .	1	100	
tillage, . . . . .	6	180	
English, . . . . .	5	250	
pasture, . . . . .	10	250	
unimproved, . . . . .	2	20	28 13
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2250	
<b>Buck, Benjamin, 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Buck, Benjamin, <i>continued.</i>			
1 barn, . . . . .		500	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		35	
1 barn-shed, . . . . .		40	
1 corn-barn, . . . . .		35	
tillage, . . . . .	3	150	
English, . . . . .	6	300	
pasture, . . . . .	32	800	
orchard, . . . . .	1	100	
meadow, . . . . .	23	345	
wood, . . . . .	3	150	
unimproved, . . . . .	47	810	
Wood Hill lot, unimproved, . . . . .	15	300	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		4365	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		6210	133 99
Brown, Abigail.			
$\frac{1}{2}$ dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
$\frac{1}{2}$ barn, . . . . .		100	
Island lot, wood, . . . . .	20	800	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	25	375	
" " meadow, . . . . .	15	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1975	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		575	31 88
Beard, William, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1200	
English, . . . . .	2	150	
meadow, . . . . .	4	80	
Eames lot, wood, . . . . .	14	560	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	130	
Harnden lot, south, English, . . . . .	5	200	
" " " wood, . . . . .	15	600	
" " " unimproved, . . . . .	15	300	
" " north, English, . . . . .	4	160	
" " " unimproved, . . . . .	12	265	
Manning " " " . . . . .	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	550	
Winn " wood, . . . . .	6	300	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	6	50	
Swain " meadow, . . . . .	7	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		4645	59 86
Brown, Silas, 1 poll.			
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ dwelling-houses, . . . . .		900	

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Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
<b>Brown, Silas, <i>continued.</i></b>			
$\frac{1}{2}$ barn, . . . . .		100	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		50	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
1 saw-mill, . . . . .		600	
1 dwelling-house at mill, . . . . .		500	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
tillage, . . . . .	2	80	
English, . . . . .	2	80	
meadow, . . . . .	6	75	
pasture, . . . . .	10	180	
wood, . . . . .	7	400	
Mill land, tillage, . . . . .	1	30	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	28	280	
West lot, English, . . . . .	9	270	
South “ meadow, . . . . .	1	15	
“ “ English, . . . . .	6	180	
“ “ wood, . . . . .	8	360	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	7	140	
Nichols lot, wood, . . . . .	5	225	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		4615	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		230	62 37
<b>Buffum, Joshua, 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		20	
tillage, . . . . .	$1\frac{1}{2}$	200	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1170	16 43
Beard, Haswell, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Blanchard, John O., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Byron, Terrance, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
<b>Blanchard, Henry, Jr., 1 poll.</b>			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		200	4 30
Blanchard, Henry, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Bancroft, Henry L., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
<b>Buck, Edward, 1 poll.</b>			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		50	2 43
Batchelder, James H., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Barbaric, Montclair, 1 poll. . . . .			1 80
<b>Butters, Stephen O., 1 poll,</b>			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		35	2 24



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Bancroft, Thomas A., 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Barnes, Charles H., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		105	3 12
Bodwell, Stephen B., Jr., 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Butters, Chauncey W., 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Beals, Thersa E., Mrs.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		400	Exempt.
Bancroft, Susan, Mrs.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		1000	
Exempt from taxation; . . .		500	6 25
Crockett, Viena N., Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1200	
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
English, . . . . .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	675	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		2175	27 19
Clark, Belinda, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1600	
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
English, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		2150	
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		300	30 63
Carter, Sabra, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1200	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
tillage, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	125	
Father Carter lot, unimproved, . . .	22	300	
Hop-kiln     "     " . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1900	23 75
Carter, Sabra, 2d.			
Home lot, tillage, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	125	
wood, . . . . .	4	200	
West lot, unimproved, . . . . .	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	600	
Corneil lot,     " . . . . .	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	190	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1115	
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		6500	95 19
Carter, Edward A., 1 poll.			
Pine Hill lot, wood, . . . . .	15	750	
"     "     " unimproved, . . . . .	18	450	
cranberry meadow, . . . . .	1	75	
Tweed lot, unimproved, . . . . .	11	125	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Carter, Edward A., <i>continued.</i>			
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1400	
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		75	20 24
Carter, E. Milton, 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Carter, E. Milton and Eugene A.			
House lot, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	30	38
Carlin, Michael, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		26	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
pasture, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	50	
Bond lot, tillage, . . . . .	$2\frac{1}{2}$	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		825	12 11
Cazneau, Isaac, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
English, . . . . .	2	200	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1050	14 93
Cook, George F., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		750	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
English, . . . . .	10	300	
meadow, . . . . .	1	15	
wood, . . . . .	1	40	
unimproved, . . . . .	12	300	
Perry lot, English, . . . . .	5	125	
" " meadow, . . . . .	6	120	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	1	15	
Holt " " . . . . .	4	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		2065	
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		230	30 49
Carter, E. B., and W. H., 2d.			
Foster lot, meadow, . . . . .	3	75	94
Carter, William H., 2d, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling house, . . . . .		750	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
English, . . . . .	5	200	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Carter, William H., 2d, <i>continued.</i>			
unimproved, . . . . .	8	160	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1310	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		295	21 87
Carter, William, 2d, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Carter, E. B. and Roxann.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		750	
1 barn, . . . . .		200	
1 hop-house, . . . . .		50	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	2	100	
English, . . . . .	9	450	
pasture, . . . . .	5	125	
meadow, . . . . .	6	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	19	350	
cranberry*meadow, . . . . .	1	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2200	27 50
Carter, E. Brewster, 1 poll.			
wood, . . . . .	2	200	
unimproved, . . . . .	10	180	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		380	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		565	13 61
Carter, Roxann.			
wood, . . . . .	9	450	
Boutwell lot, unimproved, . . . . .	9	180	
North " meadow, . . . . .	5	75	
" " wood, . . . . .	3	120	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	4	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		925	11 56
Carter, Rich, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	1	30	
English, . . . . .	3	90	
meadow, . . . . .	4	50	
pasture, . . . . .	30	500	
wood, . . . . .	15	1875	
unimproved, . . . . .	35	875	
Scales meadow lot, . . . . .	6	120	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	6	120	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		4185	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Carter, Rich, <i>continued.</i>			
Total amount of personal estate, .		55	54 80
Clark, Josiah, heirs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		100	
1 barn, . . . . .		125	
wood, . . . . .	2	80	
unimproved, . . . . .	15	180	
Total amount of real estate, . .		485	6 06
Carter, Otis, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
English, . . . . .	6	180	
meadow, . . . . .	11	150	
wood, . . . . .	1	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	6	120	
pasture, . . . . .	5	100	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1540	
Total amount of personal estate, .		25	21 36
Cassidy, Catherine, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		250	
1 barn, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1	30	
English, . . . . .	2	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	12	180	
exempt from taxation, . . . . .		500	75
Cassidy, Peter, 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, .		145	3 61
Carter, Sylvester, 1 poll.			
2 dwelling-houses, . . . . .		800	
2 barns, . . . . .		450	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		100	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		75	
tillage, . . . . .	5	200	
English, . . . . .	6	215	
meadow, . . . . .	10	100	
pasture, . . . . .	10	200	
orchard, . . . . .	1	75	
wood, . . . . .	10	350	
unimproved, . . . . .	31½	472	
Brown lot, wood, . . . . .	20	700	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
<i>Carter, Sylvester, continued.</i>			
Brown lot, unimproved, . . . . .	20	350	
Bond " wood, . . . . .	6	120	
Kidder " unimproved, . . . . .	14	140	
Blanchard lot, unimproved, . . . . .	6	200	
Foster lot, wood, . . . . .	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	
Carter " unimproved, . . . . .	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	40	
Capt. Bond lot, pasture, . . . . .	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	265	
" " " wood, . . . . .	15	700	
" " " unimproved, . . . . .	16	290	
Manning lot, unimproved, . . . . .	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	35	
Flint lot, tillage, . . . . .	4	120	
" " meadow, . . . . .	8	80	
" " pasture, . . . . .	20	250	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	440	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		6827	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		414	92 32
<i>Carter, Jonathan, 1 poll.</i>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 store and dwelling-house, . . . . .		1000	
1 barn, . . . . .		225	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	50	
English, . . . . .	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	200	
meadow, . . . . .	4	80	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2305	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		750	39 99
<i>Cole, George, 1 poll,</i>			
			1 80
<i>Cole, Samuel F., 1 poll,</i>			
			1 80
<i>Carter, W. Warren, 1 poll.</i>			
1 barn, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	11 $\frac{1}{8}$	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		150	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		30	4 06
<i>Cole, Jane, Mrs.</i>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
1 barn, . . . . .		50	
Parks lot, tillage, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{10}$	40	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{3}$	60	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		450	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		75	6 57



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Carter, William H., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1400	
1 barn, . . . . .		175	
English, . . . . .	3	300	
Holt lot, wood, . . . . .	14	560	
Bond " " . . . . .	20	800	
Bancroft lot, unimproved, . . . . .	11	220	
Nigger " " . . . . .	6	90	
Upton " wood, . . . . .	6	240	
Harnden " unimproved, . . . . .	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	20	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		3805	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		695	58 05 •
Carter, Cyrus L., 1 poll.			
2 dwelling-houses, . . . . .		5000	
2 barns, . . . . .		800	
2 woodsheds, . . . . .		250	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		40	
tillage, . . . . .	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	300	
English, . . . . .	13	1140	
meadow, . . . . .	4	60	
pasture, . . . . .	5	125	
unimproved, . . . . .	26	320	
wood, . . . . .	12	600	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		8635	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		300	113 49
Carter, Cyrus L. and Charles H.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
English, . . . . .	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	195	
meadow, . . . . .	7	150	
unimproved, . . . . .	3	45	
pasture, . . . . .	8	360	
South lot, pasture, . . . . .	101 $\frac{1}{4}$	400	
" " meadow, . . . . .	5	100	
" " wood, . . . . .	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	125	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1700	21 25
Carter, Cyrus L., and Geo. W. Sidelinker.			
Lubber Brook lot, meadow, . . . . .	5	150	1 88
Clough, Rachael, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		400	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Clough, Rachael, Mrs., <i>continued.</i>			
tillage, . . . . .	4	120	
English, . . . . .	2	60	
pasture, . . . . .	4	60	
unimproved, . . . . .	10	200	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		990	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		122	13 91
Carter, J. Lawrence, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1600	
1 barn, . . . . .		500	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		75	
1 corn-barn, . . . . .		75	
1 slaughter-house, . . . . .		250	
1 tool-house, . . . . .		20	
tillage, . . . . .	4	200	
English, . . . . .	8	480	
pasture, . . . . .	8	400	
meadow, . . . . .	12	240	
wood, . . . . .	2	80	
unimproved, . . . . .	36	540	
Neck lot, meadow, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	
Isaac Carter meadow, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	45	
Jones lot, wood, . . . . .	20	800	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	10	150	
Canal “ “ . . . . .	12	200	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		5705	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		2765	107 67
Carter, George E, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1400	
English, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	75	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1475	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		407	25 33
Carter, Henry L., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	50	
Lebanon lot, unimproved, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		775	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		2000	36 49
Carter, J. L. and Henry L.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		450	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Carter, J. L. and Henry L., <i>continued.</i>			
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
pasture, . . . . .	8	200	
meadow, . . . . .	3	60	
wood, . . . . .	6	300	
unimproved, . . . . .	10	180	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1365	17 06
Carter, Osgood A., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
1 ice-house, . . . . .		40	
tillage, . . . . .	2	125	
unimproved, . . . . .	15	300	
Ayers Plan City No. 1, one undivided 80th part of lots Nos. 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40, 41, 44, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{20}$	5	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1320	
Total amount of personal estate, .		115	19 74
Carter, J. Harvey, 1 poll.			
1 unfinished storehouse, . . . .		75	
Total amount of personal estate, .		40	3 24
Columbus, Alexander, 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, .		50	2 43
Carter, William, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Carter, Fred. M., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Clark, Chester W., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Cady, Fred. A., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Carter, Charles E., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Carter, Walter, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Carter, W. Wallace, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Cheney, Joseph A., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Carter, William H., and T. P. Eames.			
Emerson lot, wood, . . . . .	4	240	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	6	150	
Total amount of real estate, . .		390	4 88
Damon, Isaac, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
tillage, . . . . .	2	80	
English, . . . . .	6	180	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Damon, Isaac, <i>continued.</i>			
pasture, . . . . .	11	165	
unimproved, . . . . .	11	150	
Carter lot, unimproved, . . . . .	3	30	
Maple meadow, . . . . .	2	40	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	1	20	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1515	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		150	22 62
Dowd, James, estate.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		400	
1 barn, . . . . .		125	
tillage, . . . . .	2	70	
English, . . . . .	6	215	
pasture, . . . . .	6	90	
unimproved, . . . . .	14	210	
wood, . . . . .	2	70	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1180	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		55	15 44
Doucett, Jeremiah, 1 poll.			
Brown meadow, . . . . .	1	50	2 43
Doucett, Casimire, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Doucett, Joseph, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Doyle, James, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Damon, William, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Dale, Charles, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Dorothy, John, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Driscoll, Andrew, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Daley, Timothy, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Eames, George T., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		350	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		30	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		30	
English, . . . . .	3	300	
tillage, . . . . .	3½	250	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1660	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		106	23 88
Eames, Thomas P., 1 poll.			
2 dwelling-houses, . . . . .		900	
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
English, . . . . .	4	300	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Eames, Thomas P., <i>continued.</i>			
meadow, . . . . .	4	60	
unimproved, . . . . .	5	60	
pasture, . . . . .	7	150	
orchard, . . . . .	1	75	
Monument lot, tillage, . . . . .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	115	
Pond hole " unimproved, . . . . .	15	375	
Foster " wood, . . . . .	24	1100	
City plan* " No. 42, wood, . . . . .	1	50	
Lot No. 126, Silver Lake plan, . . . . .	2	125	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		3610	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		733	56 09
Eames, Thos. P., and Chas. W. Swain.			
Neck lot, unimproved, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	10	13
Eames, H. W. and Horace E.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
1 slaughter-house, . . . . .		100	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	2	60	
English, . . . . .	3	100	
orchard, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	
pasture, . . . . .	7	105	
unimproved, . . . . .	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	112	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1602	20 03
Eames, Henry W., 1 poll.			
unimproved, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	35	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		125	3 80
Eames, Horatio N., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		550	
1 brush shop, . . . . .		40	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
English, . . . . .	3	150	
pasture, . . . . .	2	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	5	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		940	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		125	15 11
Eames, Horace E., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		125	3 36
Eames, Warren, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
<b>Eames, Warren, <i>continued.</i></b>			
1 barn, . . . . .		550	
1 slaughter-house, . . . . .		200	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
English, . . . . .	2	100	
Goshen lot, tillage, . . . . .	3	105	
" " English, . . . . .	3	120	
" " wood, . . . . .	3	120	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	21	380	
Morrill lot, English, . . . . .	1	75	
" " cranberry meadow, . . . . .	1	75	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2625	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		210	37 24
<b>Eames, Rachael, Mrs.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		100	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
tillage, . . . . .	1	30	
English, . . . . .	1	35	
wood, . . . . .	3	105	
unimproved, . . . . .	18	270	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		690	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		600	16 13
Eames, Frank L., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Eames, Edward N., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Elliott, Thomas, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
<b>Eames, N. B., and George E. Carter.</b>			
Furbush lot, wood, . . . . .	2	60	75
<b>Eames, Othniel, 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1100	
$\frac{2}{3}$ barn, . . . . .		330	
tillage, . . . . .	3	105	
English, . . . . .	5	185	
meadow, . . . . .	6	95	
pasture, . . . . .	11	135	
unimproved, . . . . .	5	75	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2025	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		392	32 01
<b>Eames, Nathan B., 2 polls.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 barn, . . . . .		650	
1 slaughter-house, . . . . .		100	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Aeres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Eames, Nathan B., <i>continued.</i>			
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		20	
John Eames place, 1 dwelling-house, .		650	
" " " 1 workshop, . . . . .		100	
" " " tillage, . . . . .	3	100	
Home lot, tillage, . . . . .	4	200	
" " English, . . . . .	5	150	
" " meadow, . . . . .	3	25	
" " wood, . . . . .	2	1200	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	30	250	
Wright meadow, . . . . .	20	18	
Eames " . . . . .	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	
Hawthorn " . . . . .	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .	4	4343	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		165	59 95
Eames, Lemuel C., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1200	
1 barn and slaughter-house, . . . . .		700	
2 carriage-houses, . . . . .		150	
1 corn-barn, . . . . .		50	
1 swill-house, . . . . .		25	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	8	400	
English, . . . . .	11	550	
pasture, . . . . .	15	300	
Neck lot, meadow, . . . . .	8	120	
" " wood, . . . . .	7	420	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	40	500	
Hundred-acre meadow, . . . . .	6	50	
Swamp " . . . . .	6	50	
Gardner lot, unimproved, . . . . .	5	50	
Beard " " . . . . .	42	630	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		5220	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		990	79 43
Eames, Sarah G., Mrs.			
$\frac{1}{2}$ dwelling-house, . . . . .		350	
$1\frac{1}{3}$ of barn, . . . . .		265	
English, . . . . .	4	160	
pasture, . . . . .	6	90	
wood, . . . . .	1	40	
unimproved, . . . . .	6	90	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Eames, Sarah G., Mrs., <i>continued</i> .			
Total amount of real estate, . . .		995	
Total amount of personal estate, . .		25	12 75
Eames, Lemuel C., and P. Holden's heirs.			
Shawshene meadow, . . . . .	5	150	1 88
Eames, J. Howard, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Eames, Myron, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Eames Brothers.			
Total amount of personal estate, . .		850	10 63
Eames, Edward B., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . .		1100	15 55
French, John, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
1 barn, . . . . .		125	
tillage, . . . . .	1	30	
pasture, . . . . .	13	260	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		715	
Total amount of personal estate, . .		102	10 22
Folkins, Mary E., Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1000	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	75	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		1075	13 44
Folkins, Richard L., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Fuller, Darius S., 1 poll.			
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	150	3 68
Farrell, Thomas, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	1	15	
Damon lot, tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
Total amount of personal estate, . .		20	Exempt.
Fortis, Mary Ann, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
tillage, . . . . .	$1\frac{1}{4}$	100	Exempt.
Fortis, James M., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Fortis, Edward F., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Fortis, George G., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Frost, William A., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . .		42	2 33
French, Charles C., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Gowing, Daniel, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	50	
wood, . . . . .	1	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	$2\frac{1}{2}$	75	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		875	12 74
Gilman, John R., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		250	
tillage, . . . . .	1	75	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		325	5 86
Gowing, Harriet, Miss.			
Brown lot, unimproved, . . . . .	10	80	Exempt.
George, Newton, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 barn, . . . . .		400	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	2	60	
English, . . . . .	3	100	
pasture, . . . . .	5	100	
meadow, . . . . .	10	150	
wood, . . . . .	15	600	
unimproved, . . . . .	84	840	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2800	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		115	38 24
Gowing, Henry E , 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		125	3 36
Gowing, James, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
English, . . . . .	2	80	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		25	
Exempt from taxation, . . . . .		500	6 74
Gowing, Samuel, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1000	
1 barn, . . . . .		350	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		100	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
English, . . . . .	20	600	
orchard, . . . . .	1	100	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Gowing, Samuel, <i>continued</i> .			
pasture, . . . . .	16	240	
meadow, . . . . .	16	240	
wood, . . . . .	60	3000	
unimproved, . . . . .	66	1000	
Upton pasture, . . . . .	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	350	
Richardson lot, unimproved, . . . . .	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	20	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		7050	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		340	94 18
Gowing, Edward O., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		1010	14 43
Gowing, Edward O., and Thomas F.'s estate.			
Blanchard lot, unimproved, . . . . .	33	330	4 13
Gowing, Gilman, 1 poll.			
Jonathan Gowing lot, meadow, . . . . .	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	125	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		150	5 24
Gowing, Gilman and Otis.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		500	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	5	200	
English, . . . . .	9	360	
meadow, . . . . .	6	120	
pasture, . . . . .	10	250	
wood, . . . . .	26	1300	
unimproved, . . . . .	28	420	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		3900	48 75
Gowing, Otis, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Gowing, Joshua, Jr., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1700	
1 barn, . . . . .		500	
2 poultry-houses, . . . . .		40	
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
English, . . . . .	1	40	
pasture, . . . . .	25	450	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2770	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		60	37 18
Gowing, Joshua, 1 poll.			
Eames lot, meadow, . . . . .	3	75	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	4	100	



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Gowing, Joshua, <i>continued</i> .			
Island lot, wood, . . . . .	10	400	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	19	380	
“ “ meadow, . . . . .	1	20	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		975	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		1076	27 44
Goodwin, John R., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		500	8 05
Gowing, Charles M., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Grady, Michael, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Glannon, Timothy, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Harris, Charles F., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
tillage, . . . . .	5	375	
unimproved, . . . . .	6	120	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1345	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		260	21 86
Hiller, France B., Mrs.			
2 dwelling-houses, . . . . .		2800	
1 barn, . . . . .		500	
tillage, . . . . .	2	200	
English, . . . . .	2	200	
meadow, . . . . .	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	250	
Mystic Valley lot, English, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	200	
craberry meadow, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	150	
unimproved, . . . . .	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	180	
Clark lot, unimproved, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	
Henry and Horace Sheldon lot, unimproved, . . . . .	5	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		4680	58 50
Hiller, Henry, 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		77	2 76
Hudson, Charles E., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1500	
tillage, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	125	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1625	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		500	28 36
Holt, Martin F., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		350	
1 barn and slaughter-house, . . . . .		250	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Holt, Martin F., <i>continued.</i>			
English, . . . . .	2½	200	
Total amount of real estate, . .		800	
Total amount of personal estate, .		640	19 80
Hancock, Silas D., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		350	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
tillage, . . . . .	½	25	
English, . . . . .	1½	75	
Dewhurst lot, English, . . . . .	⅛	10	
Total amount of real estate, . .		610	9 43
Hopkins, Charles, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
1 hop-house, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	4	160	
English, . . . . .	6	180	
meadow, . . . . .	2½	65	
pasture, . . . . .	6	100	
wood, . . . . .	8½	350	
unimproved, . . . . .	30	600	
Total amount of real estate, . .		2305	
Total amount of personal estate, .		160	32 61
Hopkins, Charles H., 1 poll.			
English, . . . . .	1½	60	2 55
Hale, James, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
1 barn, . . . . .		75	
tillage, . . . . .	½	30	
Total amount of real estate, . .		405	
Total amount of personal estate, .		25	7 17
Holt, Charles A., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		400	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
House lot, No. 127, Silver Lake plan, . . . . .	1⅝	165	
Total amount of real estate, . .		665	
Total amount of personal estate, .		8125	111 67
Harnden, Everall, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		200	
1 barn, . . . . .		75	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Harnden, Everall, <i>continued.</i>			
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		300	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		40	6 05
Harnden, Nancy, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
English, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	40	
exempt from taxation, . . . . .		500	2 38
Hamlin, John P., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1600	
1 barn, . . . . .		200	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
English, . . . . .	2	150	
meadow, . . . . .	1	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2075	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		140	29 49
Hamlin, Frank, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Horton, Eliza, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		950	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
House lots, Nos. 1 and 2, Mengis plan, Laurel Avenue, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{5}$	40	
Mengis plan, lots Nos. 97 and 98 west side of Parker Street, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	20	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1260	15 75
Horton, George W., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		200	4 30
Hoborn, John, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Huntington, Charles W., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Hobbs, Samuel E., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Hall, Austin W., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Holt, William F., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Jaquith, Sophronia, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		100	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
English, . . . . .	3	90	
pasture, . . . . .	3	50	
meadow, . . . . .	3	45	
unimproved, . . . . .	12	215	
exempt from taxation, . . . . .		500	1 25

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Jaquith, Alanson and Simeon.			
Esquire Eames lot, wood, . . .	20	700	
“ “ “ unimproved, . . .	22	330	
Lebanon lot, wood, . . .	3	180	
“ “ unimproved, . . .	1	10	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1220	15 25
Jaquith, Simeon, 2d.			
Burnap lot, English, . . .	4	120	
“ “ meadow, . . .	2	30	
“ “ unimproved, . . .	6	120	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		270	3 38
Jaquith, Simeon, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		700	
1 barn, . . .		150	
1 woodshed, . . .		50	
1 wheelwright shop, . . .		30	
White lot, tillage, . . .	1	150	
“ “ English, . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	75	
Morrill meadow, . . .	3	45	
“ “ unimproved, . . .	5	75	
Old Place, English, . . .	6	150	
“ “ pasture, . . .	20	300	
“ “ unimproved, . . .	40	600	
“ “ wood, . . .	3	150	
Lower meadow, . . .	1	25	
Ross meadow, . . .	2	20	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		2520	33 30
Johnson, John C., estate.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		300	
1 woodshed, . . .		25	
Lots, Nos. 1 and 2, Thompson plan, . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		350	4 38
Johnson William R., 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Jaquith, Alanson, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		550	
2 barns, . . .		175	
1 workshop, . . .		75	
tillage, . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	75	
English, . . .	2	130	
meadow, . . .	$4\frac{1}{4}$	125	
pasture, . . .	10	150	

Names, and description of Real Estate.

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Jaquith, Alanson, *continued.*

wood, . . . . . 25 2100

unimproved, . . . . . 58 1000

Silver Lake lot, unimproved, . . . . . 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  125

Ross meadow lot, wood, . . . . . 2 100

Total amount of real estate, . . . . . 4605

Total amount of personal estate, . . . . . 85 60 42

Jellison, Sarah F., Mrs.

1 dwelling-house, . . . . . 800

1 barn, . . . . . 150

1 woodshed, . . . . . 25

tillage, . . . . . 3 120

English, . . . . . 3 150

meadow, . . . . . 3 45

Lots Nos. 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 42, and 49, Holton plan, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  50

Total amount of real estate, . . . . . 1340

Total amount of personal estate, . . . . . 85 17 81

Jellison, Alvah, 1 poll, . . . . . 1 80

Johnson, Solon L., 1 poll.

1 dwelling-house, . . . . . 400

1 barn, . . . . . 125

tillage, . . . . . 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  60

English, . . . . . 4 120

meadow, . . . . . 1 20

pasture, . . . . . 1 20

wood, . . . . . 1 50

unimproved, . . . . . 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  25

Maple meadow, . . . . . 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  50

Total amount of real estate, . . . . . 870

Total amount of personal estate, . . . . . 20 12 93

Jaquith, Josh. O., & Sophia G. Ingerson.

Bond lot, wood, . . . . . 20 1400 17 50

Jaquith, Joshua O., and Stephen Carter.

A. Butters lot, wood, . . . . . 2 90

“ “ unimproved, . . . . . 2 40

Total amount of real estate, . . . . . 130 1 63

Jaquith, Joshua O., 1 poll.

1 dwelling-house, . . . . . 1700

1 barn, . . . . . 700

1 woodshed, . . . . . 100

1 toolshop, . . . . . 25



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
<i>Jaquith, Joshua O., continued.</i>			
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1	150	
English, . . . . .	1	150	
Degean lot, tillage, . . . . .	2	100	
Cook " unimproved, . . . . .	5	50	
Jones " " . . . . .	16	400	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		3425	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		1160	59 11
<i>Jaquith, Joshua, heirs.</i>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		50	
pasture, . . . . .	32	640	
meadow, . . . . .	6	50	
wood, . . . . .	70	3850	
unimproved, . . . . .	100	2000	
Ladder-pole lot, wood, . . . . .	6	400	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		7840	98 00
<i>Jaquith, Jonathan, estate.</i>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
1 workshop, . . . . .		50	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	11½	50	
English, . . . . .	10	300	
pasture, . . . . .	10	125	
meadow, . . . . .	2½	25	
wood, . . . . .	2	90	
unimproved, . . . . .	37	550	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2040	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		40	26 00
<i>Jaquith, Joshua O., and C. L. Carter.</i>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 barn, . . . . .		400	
Degean lot, English, . . . . .	2½	125	
" " pasture, . . . . .	6½	260	
" " wood, . . . . .	1	40	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1625	20 31
<i>Kelly, Daniel, 1 poll.</i>			
Jaquith lot, pasture, . . . . .	3	225	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		85	5 67

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Kelly, James E., 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Kelly, William L., 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Kernon, James, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		250	
1 barn, . . .		125	
tillage, . . .	2	100	
English, . . .	2	60	
pasture, . . .	6	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		685	
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		35	10 80
Kaime, Kingsbury G., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		450	
1 barn, . . .		200	
1 poultry-house, . . .		30	
tillage, . . .	1	50	
English, . . .	4	120	
meadow, . . .	2	60	
pasture, . . .	7	105	
wood, . . .	1	60	
unimproved, . . .	23	345	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1420	
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		25	19 86
Kellom, Betsey, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		300	
1 barn, . . .		50	
English, . . .	1	60	
meadow, . . .	1	30	
wood, . . .	2	100	
unimproved, . . .	3	75	
exempt from taxation, . . .		500	1 44
Kellom, Warren J., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		70	2 68
Kellett, James, 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Kellett, Patrick, 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		1000	14 30
Kenny, William G., 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Kenny, John, 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Larter, James, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		600	
1 barn, . . .		275	
1 poultry-house, . . .		50	
tillage, . . .	4	120	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
<b>Larter, James, <i>continued</i>.</b>			
English, . . . . .	8	320	
meadow, . . . . .	5	50	
pasture, . . . . .	15	200	
unimproved, . . . . .	13	175	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1790	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		150	26 06
<b>Low, Timothy, 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		750	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		75	
1 hog-house, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
English, . . . . .	1	40	
pasture, . . . . .	3	60	
wood, . . . . .	3	105	
unimproved, . . . . .	1	15	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1445	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		400	24 86
<b>Low, Edward, 1 poll, . . . . .</b>			
			1 80
<b>Lynch, William, 1 poll.</b>			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		30	2 18
<b>Mears, Edward, 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		550	
1 barn, . . . . .		200	
tillage, . . . . .	2	70	
English, . . . . .	6	180	
meadow, . . . . .	2	30	
pasture, . . . . .	4	80	
unimproved, . . . . .	10	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1260	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		87	18 64
<b>Morrill, Cadwalader, 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
English, . . . . .	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	125	
exempt from taxation, . . . . .		500	6 49
<b>Manning, Levi F., 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
<b>Manning, Levi F., <i>continued.</i></b>			
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
English, . . . . .	5	175	
meadow, . . . . .	11 $\frac{1}{3}$	30	
pasture, . . . . .	10	150	
wood, . . . . .	10	400	
unimproved, . . . . .	21 $\frac{1}{3}$	430	
Double Oak meadow, . . . . .	10	250	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1975	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		70	27 37
<b>Marsh, William J. S., 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1800	
tillage, . . . . .	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	75	
meadow, . . . . .	2	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1975	26 49
<b>Marsh, William J. S., Mrs.</b>			
Hyde lot, unimproved, . . . . .	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	75	94
<b>Mathison, Laura, Miss.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		150	
Thompson lot, unimproved, . . . . .	5	40	
Ray " " . . . . .	3	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		340	4 25
<b>McEnroe, Bernard, 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
tillage, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		550	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		127	10 27
<b>McEnroe, Bernard, and James E. Kelly.</b>			
Scales meadow, . . . . .	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	70	88
<b>Manning, Nehemiah, estate.</b>			
unimproved, . . . . .	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	31
<b>Morris, Jonathan B., 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		950	13 68
<b>Murray, James W., 1 poll.</b>			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		900	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Murray, James W., <i>continued.</i>			
1 poultry-house, . . . .		15	
English, . . . .	1	75	
unimproved, . . . .	5	125	
Hastings pasture lot, wood, . .	8	320	
“ “ “ unimproved, . .	25	500	
Total amount of real estate, . .		2035	
Total amount of personal estate, .		75	28 18
McIntosh, Geo. W., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . .		400	
1 barn, . . . .		50	
1 woodshed, . . . .		20	
tillage, . . . .	1	50	
pasture, . . . .	2	50	
unimproved, . . . .	14	280	
Total amount of real estate, . .		850	
Total amount of personal estate, .		30	12 81
McIntosh, Mary A., Mrs.			
English, . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	200	2 50
McIntosh, Charles E., 1 poll, . .			1 80
Morse, Lucy M., Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . .		650	
1 barn, . . . .		300	
tillage, . . . .	3	150	
English, . . . .	8	400	
pasture, . . . .	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	125	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1625	20 31
Morse, Irwin E., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, .		142	3 58
Miller, Charles O., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . .		250	
1 barn, . . . .		125	
tillage, . . . .	3	90	
English, . . . .	3	90	
pasture, . . . .	4	50	
unimproved, . . . .	16	200	
Buck lot, English, . . . .	2	60	
“ “ meadow, . . . .	4	50	
“ “ unimproved, . . . .	9	90	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1005	
Total amount of personal estate, .		650	22 49



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
McGrane, Peter, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		250	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		20	
tillage, . . . . .	3	100	
English, . . . . .	3	120	
pasture, . . . . .	2	40	
unimproved, . . . . .	12	240	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		870	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		93	13 84
Morris, Frank B., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Manning, Samuel, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Mace, Edward, 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		113	3 21
Martin, Timothy, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
McMahan, Thomas, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Manning, William, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Morrison, John, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Milligen, George, 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		75	2 74
McDonald, John, 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		50	2 43
McDonald, Thomas, 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		25	2 11
Mead, Leonard, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Miller, Albert G., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Mason, Henry, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Moran, Thomas, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Nichols, Samuel B., estate.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
1 store, . . . . .		350	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$ 3	50	
pasture, . . . . .		120	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1420	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		55	18 44
Nichols, Edward M., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Nichols, James B., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Nichols, H. Brewster, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Nichols, H. Brewster, <i>continued.</i>			
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
1 workshop, . . . . .		50	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		30	
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
English, . . . . .	4	150	
meadow, . . . . .	7	105	
pasture, . . . . .	5	80	
wood, . . . . .	10	600	
unimproved, . . . . .	12	240	
Damon lot, wood, . . . . .	7	280	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	3	45	
Sheldon lot, wood, . . . . .	15	600	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	7	140	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		3310	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		225	45 99
Nason, Wesley, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		900	
1 barn, . . . . .		400	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		75	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1	75	
English, . . . . .	13	520	
meadow, . . . . .	10	180	
pasture, . . . . .	20	300	
wood, . . . . .	5	300	
unimproved, . . . . .	12	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2950	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		130	40 31
Noyes, Daniel P., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		125	3 37
Noyes, Edward P., 1 poll, . . . . .			
			1 80
Nevins, Christopher, 1 poll, . . . . .			
			1 80
Neary, James, 1 poll, . . . . .			
			1 80
Nichols, Oscar, 1 poll, . . . . .			
			1 80
O'Conner, James, 1 poll, . . . . .			
			1 80
O'Donnel, John, 1 poll, . . . . .			
			1 80
Philbrick, Emily, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1500	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	50	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1550	19 38

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Philbrick, Joseph S., 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Paul, Henry C., 1 poll.			
1 unfinished dwelling-house, . . .		800	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		900	13 05
Pierce, William, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		550	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
tillage, . . . . .	3	150	
meadow, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	30	
Rub lot, English, . . . . .	4	125	
Carter meadow, . . . . .	1	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1030	
Total amount of personal estate, . .		25	14 99
Parker, Ward, estate.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
1 shoeshop, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	50	
English, . . . . .	$1\frac{1}{2}$	100	
pasture, . . . . .	$\frac{2}{3}$	50	
wood, . . . . .	1	75	
unimproved, . . . . .	4	60	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1135	
Total amount of personal estate, . .		35	14 63
Parker, Warren M., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . .		25	2 11
Perry, Martha G., Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		550	
1 blacksmith shop, . . . . .		200	
orchard, . . . . .	1	75	
tillage, . . . . .	4	160	
English, . . . . .	8	320	
meadow, . . . . .	11	135	
pasture, . . . . .	15	225	
wood, . . . . .	2	60	
unimproved, . . . . .	30	450	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		2875	35 94
Perry, Martha G., g'd'n for Annie Perry.			
East meadow, . . . . .	12	180	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	3	45	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Perry, Martha G., <i>continued.</i>			
Guard'n for Ella F. Perry, ox pasture,	15	250	
Guard'n for Harriet I. Perry, old field,	12	240	Exempt.
Perry, Benjamin F., 1 poll.			
English, . . . . .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	225	
pasture, . . . . .	1	50	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		275	
Total amount of personal estate, . .		530	11 87
Phillips, Joseph L., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
1 tool-house, . . . . .		30	
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
English, . . . . .	1	40	
pasture, . . . . .	2	40	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		450	
Total amount of personal estate, . .		80	8 43
Perry, George L., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
English, . . . . .	3	120	
pasture, . . . . .	2	30	
unimproved, . . . . .	18	225	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		1275	
Total amount of personal estate, . .		25	18 05
Phelps, Enoch, estate.			
pasture, . . . . .	4	40	
unimproved, . . . . .	9	90	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		130	1 63
Phelps, Mary A., Mrs.			
Total amount of personal estate, . .		20	25
Phelps, Alvin C., 1 poll. . . . .			
Total amount of personal estate, . .		155	3 74
Phelps, Joseph A., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Pearsons, James K., estate.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 barn, . . . . .		450	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		50	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	3	100	
English, . . . . .	10	300	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Pearsons, James K., estate, <i>continued</i> .			
orchard, . . . . .	1	100	
pasture, . . . . .	14	140	
meadow, . . . . .	3	30	
wood, . . . . .	2	80	
unimproved, . . . . .	31	465	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2565	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		140	33 81
Pearsons, Henry E., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		125	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		175	3 99
Pearsons, Abiel P., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		900	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		100	
1 storehouse, . . . . .		100	
tillage, . . . . .	2	60	
English, . . . . .	8	250	
pasture, . . . . .	14	175	
wood, . . . . .	1	40	
unimproved, . . . . .	11	165	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2040	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		175	29 49
Pearsons, Arthur P., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Pearsons, Daniel N., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Pearsons, Charles H., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		15	1 99
Potter, Asa, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
1 storehouse, . . . . .		600	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		40	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	2	80	
English, . . . . .	2	80	
pasture, . . . . .	6	120	
wood, . . . . .	1	40	
unimproved, . . . . .	6	100	
meadow, . . . . .	8	160	



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Potter, Asa, <i>continued</i> .			
Total amount of real estate, . . .		2295	
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		151	32 38
Pearsons, Dolly, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1000	
1 barn, . . . . .		225	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		40	
1 storehouse, . . . . .		40	
tillage, . . . . .	3	120	
English, . . . . .	4	160	
meadow, . . . . .	4	60	
pasture, . . . . .	10	150	
wood, . . . . .	4	200	
unimproved, . . . . .	15	225	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		2220	27 75
Pickering, William W., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		240	4 80
Page, Edward A., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Plumer, Jeremiah W., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Putnam, William H., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Painter, Lucy M., Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		200	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
unimproved, . . . . .	27	325	
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		25	
Exempt from taxation, . . . . .		500	1 87
Perry, John W., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		200	4 30
Powers, Robert, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Preble, Edward P., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Prescott, Charles E., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Pinkington, William, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Rose, Charles, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		225	
1 barn, . . . . .		75	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
English, . . . . .	1	50	
pasture, . . . . .	4	100	
Lots Nos. 7 and 8, Thompson plan, . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		525	
Total amount of personal estate, . . .		55	9 05

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Rowlands, Robert, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
tillage, . . . . .	2	80	
English, . . . . .	3	90	
meadow, . . . . .	2	40	
unimproved, . . . . .	20	400	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1210	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		100	18 18
Richardson, Edward C., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Robinson, George A., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Sheldon, Henry, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1500	
1 barn, . . . . .		800	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		100	
6 poultry-houses, . . . . .		125	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
English, . . . . .	2	120	
pasture, . . . . .	3	45	
meadow, . . . . .	5	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	2	40	
Spring lot, orchard, . . . . .	1	100	
“ “ English, . . . . .	6	300	
Saw Pit lot, unimproved, . . . . .	5	80	
Nod “ wood, . . . . .	20	800	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	18	200	
Cat Tail “ “ . . . . .	9	180	
Beach “ “ . . . . .	3	30	
Morrill meadow, . . . . .	6½	250	
Allard lot, unimproved, . . . . .	4½	90	
“ “ meadow, . . . . .	7	105	
Flagg Plain lot, pasture, . . . . .	60	1200	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		6215	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		1910	103 37
Sheldon, Henry and Horace.			
Jenkins lot, meadow, . . . . .	½	20	
Hundred Acre “ . . . . .	5	50	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		70	88
Sheldon, Henry, George Winn, and J. L. Carter.			
Wood Hill lot, unimproved, . . . . .	28	600	7 50

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Sheldon, Henry, and J. L. Carter.			
Otis Carter lot, wood, . . . . .	20	800	
“       “   unimproved, . . . . .	96	1500	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2300	28 75
Sheldon, Henry, and Ruel Carter.			
Batchelder lot, unimproved, . . . . .	37½	375	4 69
Sargent Sheldon, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Sheldon, H. Allen, 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		559	8 79
Sheldon, Horace, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
1 cowshed, . . . . .		50	
1 hog-house, . . . . .		100	
1 swill-house, . . . . .		20	
tillage, . . . . .	2	200	
English, . . . . .	6	450	
meadow, . . . . .	3	45	
Grass Yard lot, tillage, . . . . .	11¼	125	
Neck       “   unimproved, . . . . .	4½	45	
Blanchard   “   wood, . . . . .	8	240	
Murray       “   pasture, . . . . .	10	150	
Eames Saw-pit lot, tillage, . . . . .	2	40	
“       “       “   pasture, . . . . .	36	450	
J. T. Eames   “       “       . . . . .	1	25	
“       “       unimproved, . . . . .	14	210	
Maple meadow, . . . . .	3	45	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		3195	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		655	49 93
Sheldon Brothers.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 barn, . . . . .		400	
1 slaughter-house, . . . . .		75	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		100	
1 cowshed, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	4	300	
orchard, . . . . .	4	500	
English, . . . . .	20	1200	
meadow, . . . . .	2	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	3	45	
pasture, . . . . .	15	375	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Sheldon Brothers, <i>continued</i> .			
Buck pasture, . . . . .	12	300	
Caleb Eames lot, wood, . . . . .	10	500	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	20	400	
Bridge “ “ . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	10	
Brooks “ “ . . . . .	12	120	
Saw-pit “ “ . . . . .	12	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		5350	66 88
Simonds, Benjamin, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		400	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
tillage, . . . . .	2	60	
English, . . . . .	3	90	
orchard, . . . . .	1	50	
pasture, . . . . .	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	200	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		950	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		75	14 62
Shepard, James A., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1300	
1 barn, . . . . .		350	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		150	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		25	
1 tool-house, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	1	150	
English, . . . . .	6	240	
meadow, . . . . .	6	90	
unimproved, . . . . .	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2430	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		250	35 31
Starr, Arthur.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 cowshed, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	75	
Mellen lot, unimproved, . . . . .	3	75	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		675	8 44
Stockwell, Elbridge C., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
English, . . . . .	4	160	
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
meadow, . . . . .	2	40	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Stockwell, Elbridge C., <i>continued.</i>			
wood, . . . . .	1	40	
pasture, . . . . .	2	40	
unimproved, . . . . .	5	90	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1060	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		345	19 36
Sidelinker, Geo. W., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		30	
tillage, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	160	
Ford lot, tillage, . . . . .	2	120	
" " meadow, . . . . .	1	16	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1151	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		65	17 00
Stickney, Abram, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		600	9 30
Stickney, Edward B., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Spaulding, Maynard, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
tillage, . . . . .	2	100	
unimproved, . . . . .	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		700	10 55
Skilton, James, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1200	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		100	
English, . . . . .	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	550	
wood, . . . . .	5	250	
unimproved, . . . . .	13	275	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2375	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		5637	101 95
Swain, Charles W., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		200	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		325	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		35	6 30



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Swain, Charles W., Mrs.			
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
meadow, . . . . .	3	30	
unimproved, . . . . .	1	20	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		90	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		20	1 38
Swain, Levi, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		400	
1 cowshed, . . . . .		25	
1 shoeshop, . . . . .		50	
2 poultry-houses, . . . . .		30	
orchard, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	125	
exempt from taxation, . . . . .		500	3 43
Swain, Levi, Jr., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		160	3 80
Swain, James H., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Swain, Benjamin, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Studley, Edwin W., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Simpson, John H., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Sexton, Peter, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Saunders, Timothy, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Spicer, John N., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Simonds, Albert H., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Shaw, Eugene, 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Taylor, S. Warren, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		350	
1 barn, . . . . .		75	
1 shoeshop, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	3	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		600	9 30
Tay, Frank O., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		200	4 30
Taylor, Elbridge, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		200	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
1 workshop, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	2	60	
English, . . . . .	6	180	
unimproved, . . . . .	3	60	
Jaques lot, tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
“ “ English, . . . . .	1	40	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Taylor, Elbridge, <i>continued</i> .			
Jaques lot, unimproved, . . . . .	14	350	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1055	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		25	15 30
Taylor, John A., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 barn, . . . . .		50	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
English, . . . . .	2	100	
unimproved, . . . . .	5	100	
orchard, . . . . .	1	50	
Jaques lot, unimproved, . . . . .	14	250	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1450	19 93
Taylor, George L., 1 poll.			
tillage, . . . . .	3	100	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		30	3 43
Taylor, Julia, Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		350	
1 barn, . . . . .		200	
English, . . . . .	3	150	
pasture, . . . . .	4	120	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		820	10 25
Taylor, Charles A., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1	30	
unimproved, . . . . .	10	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		180	4 05
Taylor, Henry A., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Taylor, Willie E., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Travis, William F., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Treasurer of the Congregational Society.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1000	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	75	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1325	16 56
Upton, Daniel R., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1000	
1 barn, . . . . .		300	
1 barn-shed, . . . . .		25	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		25	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Upton, Daniel R., <i>continued.</i>			
tillage, . . . . .	2	80	
English, . . . . .	6	200	
meadow, . . . . .	2	20	
pasture, . . . . .	20	300	
orchard, . . . . .	2	100	
wood, . . . . .	30	1200	
unimproved, . . . . .	80	1600	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		4850	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		265	65 74
Upton, Timothy D., 1 poll.			
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		30	2 18
Walch, Charles, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 cow-shed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1	35	
English, . . . . .	1	40	
pasture, . . . . .	2	30	
cranberry meadow, . . . . .	2	400	
meadow, . . . . .	4 1/2	100	
wood, . . . . .	1	35	
unimproved, . . . . .	0	90	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1280	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		130	19 43
Walker, George, 1 poll.			
2 dwelling-houses, . . . . .		1100	
1 barn, . . . . .		200	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	2	100	
unimproved, . . . . .	12 1/2	190	
Stanley lot, tillage, . . . . .	1	30	
" " English, . . . . .	1	25	
" " wood, . . . . .	3	150	
" " meadow, . . . . .	3	45	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	27	405	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2295	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		105	31 80
Walker, George W., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
Wild, John T., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		900	
1 barn, . . . . .		200	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Wild, John T., <i>continued.</i>			
1 woodshed, . . . . .	.	100	
English, . . . . .	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	175	
pasture, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1475	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		75	21 18.
Wild, Charles R., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		400	
unimproved, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	50	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		450	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		145	9 24
White, Z. T., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		900	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		40	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1040	
Total amount of personal estate, . . . . .		60	15 55
Wentworth, William, 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1000	
1 barn, . . . . .		175	
1 saw and grist mill, . . . . .		400	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	150	
English, . . . . .	1	100	
meadow, . . . . .	3	100	
Jaques lot, tillage, . . . . .	2	100	
“ “ English, . . . . .	2	150	
“ “ meadow, . . . . .	2	25	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	300	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2550	33 68
Woodman, Sarah M., Mrs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1200	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	75	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1275	15 94
Woodman, Asa D., 1 poll, . . . . .			1 80
White, Frederick S., 1 poll.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1000	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
1 workshop, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	1	150	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
White, Frederick S., <i>continued.</i>			
Harnden lot, tillage, . . . .	2	80	
“ “ unimproved, . . . .	9	270	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1725	
Total amount of personal estate, .		250	26 49
White, Peter, 2 polls, . . . .			3 60
Welch, John, 1 poll, . . . .			1 80
Watson, William M., 1 poll, . . .			1 80
Wilson, George C., 1 poll, . . . .			1 80
Young, Edward, 1 poll, . . . .			1 80

NON-RESIDENTS.

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Allen, Sanford.			
unimproved, . . . .	3	40	50
Alexander, J. D., and Jonas Alexander's estate, Billerica.			
Darling Field lot, unimproved, . .	15	345	4 31
Alexander, Jonas, estate, Billerica.			
Webster lot, unimproved, . . . .	15	350	
Gleason meadow, . . . .	1½	30	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		380	4 75
Alexander, J. W., Billerica.			
tillage, . . . .	1	50	
English, . . . .	½	30	
unimproved, . . . .	4½	50	
Burnap meadow, . . . .	4	40	
Cranberry “ . . . .	1	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		320	4 00
Abbott, Daniel P., Andover.			
unimproved, . . . .	20	200	2 50
Allen, William, Andover.			
Mears lot, unimproved, . . . .	30	450	
Peabody lot, pasture, . . . .	10	150	
“ “ wood, . . . .	19¾	590	



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Allen, William, <i>continued.</i>			
J. Ballard lot, wood, . . . .	2	70	
“ “ unimproved, . . . .	27	324	
Bean “ “ . . . .	5	60	
Pearsons “ “ . . . .	15	180	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1824	22 80
Abbott, John E. and Timothy, Andover.			
wood, . . . .	2	100	
unimproved, . . . .	19	285	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		385	4 81
Anderson, Christin.			
Lots Nos. 7 and 8, Thompson plan, .	$\frac{1}{4}$	25	31
Archer, Joseph A.			
Mengis plan, lots Nos. 28, 29, 30, and 31, north side of Fairmount av., .	$\frac{1}{4}$	25	31
Allen, Miriam L., Northampton.			
Lot No. 17, west side of Young st.,			
Mengis plan, . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	10	13
Adams, J. J., estate, New York city.			
unimproved, . . . .	7	70	88
Adams, E. W.			
Lot No. 5, 1st range, Thompson plan,	$\frac{1}{4}$	15	19
Aldrich, Charles A., Boston.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . .		1000	
1 barn, . . . .		300	
1 woodshed, . . . .		50	
English, . . . .	15	600	
pasture, . . . .	5	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		2050	25 63
Burditt, Edward J., North Reading.			
wood, . . . .	2	80	
unimproved, . . . .	10	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		230	2 88
Burr, Joseph C., Hingham.			
Holton plan, lots 11 and 16, . . .	$1\frac{6}{10}$	100	1 25
Bancroft, Parker E., Woburn.			
wood, . . . .	2	100	
unimproved, . . . .	10	260	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		360	4 50
Bancroft, Emery, heirs, Reading.			
meadow, . . . .	7	70	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Bancroft, Emery, heirs, <i>continued</i> .			
wood, . . . . .	2	100	
unimproved, . . . . .	1	10	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		180	2 25
Bancroft & Temple, Reading.			
unimproved, . . . . .	9	225	2 81
Brown, Sophiah, heirs, Reading.			
unimproved, . . . . .	2	60	75
Bancroft, William H., Reading.			
unimproved, . . . . .	4	100	1 25
Boutwell, Samuel, Andover.			
Bond lot, unimproved; . . . . .	20	400	5 00
Blanchard, Nathan, Burlington.			
wood, . . . . .	5	250	3 13
Brown, Olive T., Mrs., Tewksbury.			
unimproved, . . . . .	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	950	
meadow, . . . . .	$\frac{2}{7}$	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1100	13 75
Baldwin, George R., Woburn.			
Manning lot, unimproved, . . . . .	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	360	
“ “ wood, . . . . .	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	850	
Coolidge “ unimproved, . . . . .	8	200	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1410	17 63
Baldwin, George R., guardian.			
wood, . . . . .	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	375	4 69
Baldwin, Sarah P., heirs, Boston.			
wood, . . . . .	5	350	
unimproved, . . . . .	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	580	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		930	11 63
Butters, George E., Lowell.			
pasture, . . . . .	10	200	
unimproved, . . . . .	10	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		350	4 38
Beard, Eben, Reading.			
wood, . . . . .	15	750	
unimproved, . . . . .	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	
Mud Pond lot, unimproved, . . . . .	4	40	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		890	11 13
Baldwin, John F., Worcester.			
wood, . . . . .	23	690	8 63
Baldwin, John, estate, Billerica.			
wood, . . . . .	25	550	6 88

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Bond (Captain) place, owners unknown.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		350	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
unimproved, . . . . .	96	1440	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1890	23 63
Blanchard, Samuel O.			
English, . . . . .	2	70	
meadow, . . . . .	2	30	
wood, . . . . .	2	75	
unimproved, . . . . .	13	260	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		435	5 44
Blanchard, Elizabeth F., Miss.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
1 cowshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
English, . . . . .	18	720	
meadow, . . . . .	4	40	
wood, . . . . .	3	300	
pasture, . . . . .	18	270	
unimproved, . . . . .	25	200	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2230	27 88
Blanchard, Elizabeth, heirs.			
pasture, . . . . .	20	400	
meadow, . . . . .	5	75	
wood, . . . . .	12	600	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1075	13 44
Ballard, Joshua, Boston.			
wood, . . . . .	16	880	
unimproved, . . . . .	10	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1030	12 88
Bancroft, Hannah C., Reading.			
Double Oak lot, wood, . . . . .	5	175	
Hat " " . . . . .	5	200	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		375	4 69
Beard, Edward, estate.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		50	
English, . . . . .	5	125	
meadow, . . . . .	3	30	
pasture, . . . . .	10	150	
unimproved, . . . . .	7	105	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		460	5 75

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Batchelder, David, North Reading.			
Damon lot, wood, . . . . .	1½	75	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	7½	60	
Stanley wood, . . . . .	89	3115	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	25	200	
H. Carter lot, “ . . . . .	14	140	
Hopkins “ “ . . . . .	15	225	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		3815	47 69
Baird, John, heirs.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		550	
1 barn, . . . . .		50	
pasture, . . . . .	5	225	
meadow, . . . . .	1	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		850	10 63
Batchelder, Denis, North Reading.			
wood, . . . . .	10	650	
unimproved, . . . . .	13	195	
meadow, . . . . .	1	15	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		860	10 75
Batchelder, James, North Reading.			
Old Plain pasture, . . . . .	4	80	1 00
Buck, Silas, Ballard Vale.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
1 shoeshop, . . . . .		25	
English, . . . . .	1	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		975	12 19
Bond, Charles, estate, Woburn.			
English, . . . . .	2	200	2 50
Burt B. and B. W., Tewksbury.			
Junction lot, unimproved, . . . . .	71	1420	
“ “ meadow, . . . . .	6	120	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1540	19 25
Bond, William L., Boston.			
Ayers City Plan, lots Nos. 2 and 3, . . . . .	1½	125	1 56
Boston and Lowell Railroad Company.			
2 dwelling-houses, . . . . .		1200	
1 store, . . . . .		1000	
1 repair shop, . . . . .		200	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
tillage, . . . . .	1	200	
English, . . . . .	4	200	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Boston and Lowell R. R. Co., <i>continued.</i>			
unimproved, . . . . .	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	460	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		3360	42 00
Boston and Maine Railroad Company.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
wood, . . . . .	6	360	
unimproved, . . . . .	37 $\frac{3}{4}$	510	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1470	18 38
Brown, Gilbert, Cambridge.			
Thompson plan, lots Nos. 2 and 3, .	$\frac{1}{4}$	25	31
Bogart, Cordelia.			
Lots Nos. 18, 19, 20, and 21, north side of Laurel av., Mengis plan, .	$\frac{1}{4}$	25	31
Banks, George, Charlest'n Dist., Boston.			
Lots Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, on Mengis plan, north side of F. av., . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	80	1 00
Bright, Alice, Mrs., Boston Highlands.			
Mengis plan, lots Nos. 30 to 36 inclu- sive, east side of Parker st., . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	70	88
Bassett, A. L., Mrs., Windsor Locks, Ct.			
Mengis plan, lots Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23, Temple st., . . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	40	50
Barnes, Frances A., Woolwich, Me.			
Mengis plan, lot No. 8 Fairmount av.,	$\frac{1}{16}$	10	13
Bacon, F. A., Boston.			
Mengis plan, lot No. 21, Young st., .	$\frac{1}{16}$	10	13
Burnell, Phebe, Mrs., Waltham.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		50	
unimproved, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	50	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		100	1 25
Bancroft, Abner, Reading. Unimproved,	3	50	63
Carter, Dexter, Woburn.			
Eames lot, unimproved, . . . . .	11	165	
pasture, . . . . .	25	400	
unimproved, . . . . .	14	200	
T. J. Carter lot, wood, . . . . .	8	360	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	18	270	
meadow, . . . . .	5	50	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1445	18 06
Carter, Ruel, Woburn.			
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ dwelling-houses, . . . . .		600	



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Carter, Ruel, <i>continued.</i>			
2 barns, . . . . .		300	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
meadow, . . . . .	4	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	28 $\frac{3}{4}$	700	
Home place, English, . . . . .	6	240	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	4	80	
Wright lot, “ . . . . .	55	1000	
Dean “ “ . . . . .	32	256	
Gavett meadow, . . . . .	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	85	
“ wood, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	25	
Jaques meadow, . . . . .	2	60	
“ wood, . . . . .	2	80	
“ unimproved, . . . . .	23	416	
Bell lot, tillage, . . . . .	2	80	
“ “ English, . . . . .	6	240	
“ “ meadow, . . . . .	10	250	
“ “ pasture, . . . . .	20	400	
“ “ wood, . . . . .	1	50	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	53	1160	
Esther Butters lot, meadow, . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	19 $\frac{1}{4}$	385	
Esq. Eames lot, “ . . . . .	21	168	
J. T. Eames “ “ . . . . .	28	280	
Blanchard “ “ . . . . .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	35	
J. B. Winn “ “ . . . . .	7	70	
Richardson “ “ . . . . .	5	60	
Stafford “ “ . . . . .	14	170	
Butters meadow, . . . . .	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	
Beard lot, unimproved, . . . . .	12	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		7600	95 00
Carroll, Daniel, Neponset.			
Pierce lot, wood, . . . . .	5	225	2 81
Cox, Herbert E., Reading.			
unimproved, . . . . .	18	330	4 13
Choate, Charles, Woburn.			
unimproved, . . . . .	20	300	3 75
Carter, Nathaniel, Reading.			
wood, . . . . .	1	75	
unimproved, . . . . .	25	500	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		575	7 19
Cottell, Asa, Boston. Unimproved,	10	125	1 56

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Carter, William, Burlington.			
G. Allen lot, unimproved, . . .	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	100	1 25
Cummings, James O., Woburn.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		300	
1 woodshed, . . .		25	
tillage, . . .	1	75	
English, . . .	5	250	
Total amount of real estate, . .		650	8 13
Cummings, John, Woburn.			
Bell lot, unimproved, . . .	7	100	1 25
Clapp, Noah F., California.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		400	
1 barn, . . .		100	
1 saw-mill, . . .		200	
1 workshop, . . .		25	
tillage, . . .	2	60	
unimproved, . . .	22	500	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1285	16 06
Currier, Warren, St. Louis.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		1400	
1 woodshed, . . .		25	
tillage, . . .	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	100	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1525	19 06
Carter, Sylvester, Jr.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		550	
1 barn, . . .		250	
1 woodshed, . . .		25	
1 carriage-house, . . .		25	
tillage, . . .	4	200	
English, . . .	2	100	
pasture, . . .	10	500	
meadow, . . .	8	120	
wood, . . .	5	250	
unimproved, . . .	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	1050	
West lot, unimproved, . . .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	90	
Stimson lot, " . . .	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	150	
Total amount of real estate, . .		3310	41 38
Childs, Williams, Boston.			
1 dwelling-house, . . .		700	
1 barn, . . .		100	
tillage, . . .	2	100	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Childs, Williams, <i>continued.</i>			
pasture, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	25	
Total amount of real estate, . .		925	11 56
Carter, A. G., Woburn.			
Boutwell meadow, . . . . .	2	25	31
Carter, Stephen, Burlington.			
meadow, . . . . .	4	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	3	30	
Total amount of real estate, . .		80	1 00
Crowell, Annie M., Boston.			
House lot, No. 6, 1st range, Thompson plan, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	15	19
Curtin, Jeremiah.			
Ayers Plan City, No. 1, wood (owned by the town), . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	50	63
Cutler, John H., Peterborough, N. H.			
Lot No. 48, Mengis plan, south side of Plymouth av., . . . . .	$\frac{1}{16}$	10	13
Carty, Bridget, Cambridge.			
Lot No. 6, 3d range, Thompson plan,	$\frac{1}{8}$	15	19
Davis, J. C.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1100	
tillage, . . . . .	1	125	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1225	15 31
Dacey, John H.			
house lot, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	20	25
Eaton, Joseph B., estate, Boston.			
unimproved, . . . . .	13	400	5 00
Eaton, Edmond, Reading.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		50	
1 poultry-house, . . . . .		20	
English, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	75	
Total amount of real estate, . .		845	10 56
Eames, John, North Reading.			
Sanborn lot, wood, . . . . .	1	50	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	9	135	
Den lot, wood, . . . . .	5	350	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	10	150	
Tucker lot, wood, . . . . .	30	1500	
“ “ unimproved, . . . . .	25	500	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Eames, John, <i>continued.</i>			
Lebanon lot, wood, . . . .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	180	
Brown lot, meadow, . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	15	
Grassy Pond lot, wood, . . . .	20	900	
“ “ “ unimproved, . . . .	2	40	
Total amount of real estate, . .		3820	47 75
Eames, Benjamin, North Reading.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . .		350	
1 woodshed, . . . .		10	
tillage, . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	50	
Total amount of real estate, . .		410	5 13
Foster, Z. P., Tewksbury.			
pasture, . . . .	3	48	
wood, . . . .	9	360	
Berry lots, Nos. 54 and 55, Holton			
plan, . . . .	3	120	
Total amount of real estate, . .		528	6 60
Folsome, Charles R., Boston.			
Captain Bond lot, No. 46, . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	25	31
Foster, William P., estate, Andover.			
Pearsons lot, unimproved, . . . .	55	550	
R. Jones “ “ . . . .	39	487	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1037	12 96
Foster place, owners unknown.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . .		500	
English, . . . .	2	80	
Total amount of real estate, . .		580	7 25
Flint, Abijah, North Reading.			
Ford meadow, . . . .	7	25	31
Flint, Charles, estate, Wakefield.			
unimproved, . . . .	1	10	
meadow, . . . .	2	20	
Total amount of real estate, . .		30	38
Fultze, Joseph, Reading.			
wood, . . . .	1	40	
unimproved, . . . .	6	60	
Total amount of real estate, . .		100	1 25
Fraser, James, Worcester.			
unimproved, . . . .	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	250	
Lots Nos. 54 and 55, Holton plan, . .	3	45	
Total amount of real estate, . .		295	3 69

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Fraser, Mary E., heirs.			
Lots Nos. 56 and 57, Holton plan, .	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	280	3 50
Fletcher, Charles G., Lowell.			
pasture, . . . . .	30	450	
meadow, . . . . .	15	150	
wood, . . . . .	3	120	
unimproved, . . . . .	48	766	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1486	18 58
Foley, John, Mrs.			
Lot No. 56, Ayers Plan City, No. 1,			
Sold to Osgood A. Carter for taxes.	$\frac{2}{3}$	20	25
Fairbanks, Benjamin F., Springfield.			
Lots Nos. 13 & 14, Mengis plan, Olive st.,	$\frac{1}{8}$	20	25
Ford, Margaret, Mrs., South Boston.			
Lots Nos. 71 to 76, inclusive, Mengis			
plan, west side of Young st.; lots			
Nos. 1 to 4, inclusive, on Main st.,	1	150	1 88
Gowing, Harriet, Mrs., Lynn.			
English, . . . . .	2	80	
wood, . . . . .	2	80	
meadow, . . . . .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	65	
Total amount of real estate, . .		225	2 81
Gage, G. R., Woburn.			
unimproved, . . . . .	35	535	6 69
Gowing, Ames, Reading.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
English; . . . . .	$\frac{3}{8}$	75	
Total amount of real estate, . .		775	9 69
Grey, Henry J., Andover.			
No. 1 Holt lot, wood, . . . . .	18	540	
" " " unimproved, . . . . .	10	100	
No. 2 " " " " . . . . .	5	100	
Total amount of real estate, . .		740	259
Gowing, Jacob, estate, North Reading.			
unimproved, . . . . .	10	150	1 88
Gerstlauer, Frederick, North Reading.			
tillage, . . . . .	1	25	31
Goldsmith, William G., Andover.			
unimproved, . . . . .	4	60	75
Gaskin, Mary, Boston.			
Lots Nos. 109, 110 and 111, Mengis			
plan, east side of Young st., .	$\frac{3}{8}$	30	38



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Guthrie, David and Catherine, Norfolk, Mass.			
Lots Nos. 3 and 4, Hiller plan, .	$\frac{1}{2}$	50	63
Greaves, Edward, Cambridge.			
Part of lot No. 124, Silver Lake plan, .	$\frac{1}{4}$	40	50
Hartshorn, B. M., heirs, Reading.			
Mill lot, . . . . .	1	25	
South lot, wood, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	30	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		55	69
Holden, George, estate, Billerica.			
wood, . . . . .	20	500	6 25
Harris (A. M.) place, owners unknown.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
English, . . . . .	3	120	
unimproved, . . . . .	6	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		860	10 75
Hathaway, F. E., Boston. Unimproved,	57	1000	12 50
Harnden, Dolly, Miss, Woburn.			
wood, . . . . .	9	360	
pasture, . . . . .	50	1000	
meadow, . . . . .	$7\frac{1}{2}$	75	
unimproved, . . . . .	74	1100	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		2535	31 69
Hosford, Hocum, Lowell.			
B. & M. R. R. Co. land, English, .	2	400	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	10	1400	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1800	22 50
Holt, B. F., Andover.			
2 ice-houses, . . . . .		350	4 38
Harnden, Albert, Groton.			
wood, . . . . .	4	240	3 00
Harding, Effie E.			
Lots Nos. 15 and 16, Mengis plan, .			
west side of Temple st., . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	20	25
Hadley, C. V.			
Lot No. 1, range 5, Thompson plan, .	$\frac{1}{2}$	15	19
Sold to T. P. Eames for taxes.			
Horton, Mehitable, Camden, Me.			
Lots 99 and 100, Mengis plan, west			
side of Parker st., . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	20	25

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Holden, Elizabeth H., Mrs., Boston.			
Part of lot No. 124, Silver Lake plan,	$\frac{1}{4}$	40	50
Jones, Elmira, Andover.			
wood, . . . . .	6	360	
unimproved, . . . . .	$8\frac{1}{2}$	170	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		530	6 63
Joy, Columbus, Reading.			
meadow, . . . . .	$2\frac{1}{2}$	40	
wood, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{2}$	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		65	81
Jones, Ellen F., Malden.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		250	
3 poultry-houses, . . . . .		75	
Preble lot, English, . . . . .	$5\frac{1}{2}$	165	
wood, . . . . .	1	50	
Carter meadow, . . . . .	4	50	
Bell lot, English, . . . . .	$3\frac{1}{2}$	125	
" " meadow, . . . . .	1	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1340	16 75
Jones, Catherine, estate.			
wood, . . . . .	5	225	
unimproved, . . . . .	2	25	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		250	3 13
Kitteridge, George, heirs, Lowell.			
unimproved, . . . . .	4	100	1 25
Kimball (George) place, owners un-			
known.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		800	
house lot, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	40	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		840	10 50
Knights, John R., Reading.			
meadow, . . . . .	6	120	1 50
Lee, J. L., Cambridgeport.			
pasture, . . . . .	4	200	2 50
Lewis, Hannah, Reading.			
unimproved, . . . . .	2	50	Exempt.
Loomis, H. A., Chelsea.			
Burnap pasture, Silver Lake plan, .	$1\frac{1}{2}$	50	63
Lock, Davis, heirs, East Lexington.			
unimproved, . . . . .	10	200	2 50

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Lepot, Jacob, Somerville.			
Lot No. 11, range 1, Thompson plan ;			
lot No. 10, range 2, " "	$\frac{3}{8}$	40	50
Low, Marshall S. P., Boston.			
Lots Nos. 8 and 9, range 3, Thompson plan, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	25	31
Lemphist, Grandville, Cambridge.			
Part of lot No. 124, Silver Lake plan,	$\frac{1}{4}$	40	50
Manning, Alice W.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
1 barn, . . . . .		100	
English, . . . . .	1	100	
tillage, . . . . .	1	50	
unimproved, . . . . .	3	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		950	11 88
Mellen, Charles A., estate, Reading.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		900	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		40	
English, . . . . .	2	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		1040	13 00
Manning, Theophilus, heirs, Billerica.			
wood, . . . . .	4	140	
unimproved, . . . . .	22	220	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		360	4 50
Manning, John.			
unimproved, . . . . .	2	50	63
Marshall, John, heirs.			
English, . . . . .	5	200	
unimproved, . . . . .	7	150	
Lot No. 145, Silver Lake plan, . . . . .	1	50	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		400	5 00
Morse Brothers, Boston.			
Holden (S. B. and L. L.) lot, wood, . . . . .	$4\frac{2}{6}$	175	2 19
Mears, Nathan, estate, Andover.			
$\frac{1}{2}$ dwelling-house, . . . . .		200	
$\frac{1}{2}$ barn, . . . . .		50	
1 shoeshop, . . . . .		25	
English, . . . . .	3	60	
unimproved, . . . . .	4	60	Exempt.
McManimen, B., Mrs., Boston.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
McManimen, B., Mrs., <i>continued</i> .			
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
pasture, . . . . .	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	960	
meadow, . . . . .	10	200	
wood, . . . . .	6	300	
unimproved, . . . . .	24	480	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		2590	32 38
Masterson, George H., Boston.			
Blanchard plan, lot No. 16, unimproved,	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	160	
Lots Nos. 55 and 57, Ayers Plan City			
No. 1, . . . . .	2	100	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		260	3 25
Morrill, Charles J., Boston.			
wood, . . . . .	20	600	7 50
Malay, John, heirs, East Somerville.			
unimproved, . . . . .	25	500	6 25
Merrill, William W., East Milton.			
Lots Nos. 5 and 6, Thompson plan,	$\frac{1}{3}$	25	31
Merrill, G. A., East Milton.			
Lots Nos. 9 and 10, range 1, Thompson			
plan, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	25	31
More, Mary J. P., Mrs., Boston.			
1 unfinished dwelling-house, . . .		40	
Mengis plan, lots Nos. 105 to 110, in-			
clusive, west side of Parker st.;			
127 to 132, inclusive, east side of			
Young st., . . . . .	1	120	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		160	2 00
Matley, Eliza, Lowell.			
Mengis plan, lot No. 91, east side of			
Young st., . . . . .	$\frac{1}{16}$	10	13
McLeod, Charles, Charlestown district.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
Part of lot No. 124, Silver Lake plan,		40	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		340	4 25
Nelson, Charles, Boston.			
Blaisedell gate lot, pasture, . . .	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	300	3 75
Nichols, Charles, North Woburn.			
unimproved, . . . . .	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	65	81
Nichols, Sylvester, heirs, Woburn.			
wood, . . . . .	11	700	8 75

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Nichols Stephen, estate, Woburn.			
unimproved, . . . . .	3	45	56
Nichols, Tracy, Woburn. Unimproved,	12	300	3 75
Pickering, Arthur, Boston.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		700	
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
1 carriage-house, . . . . .		75	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	2	100	
English, . . . . .	3	120	
pasture, . . . . .	1	25	
wood, . . . . .	2	80	
unimproved, . . . . .	7	140	
Brook lower meadow, . . . . .	1½	20	
Brook upper " . . . . .	1½	20	
Bradshaw lot, wood, . . . . .	6	240	
" " unimproved, . . . . .	24	360	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		2080	26 00
Pierce, Benjamin, Lawrence.			
Ladder-pole lot, wood, . . . . .	8	360	
Bond lot, wood, . . . . .	1	30	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		390	4 88
Peirce, C. A., Mrs., Leominster.			
unimproved, . . . . .	26	600	7 50
Parker, Lorenzo, estate. 1 dw'g-house,		350	
1 barn, . . . . .		50	
1 workshop, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
pasture, . . . . .	1	20	
unimproved, . . . . .	3	90	
meadow, . . . . .	2	30	
Total amount of real estate, . . . . .		605	7 56
Pearsons, Jerusha, Mrs. ½ dw'g-house,		200	
½ barn, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	½	25	Exempt.
Pearsons, Amos, heirs, Haverhill.			
unimproved, . . . . .	10	150	1 88
Phoenix, Morgianah.			
Mengis plan, lot No. 126, east side of Young st.; lots Nos. 28 and 29, Auburn st., . . . . .	¼	30	38



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Parker, A. G. (Owned by the town.) Lots Nos. 21 and 22, Silver Lake plan, Prim (George A.) place, owners un- known.	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	40	50
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		600	
tillage, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$	75	
Total amount of real estate, : .		675	8 44
Phalan, Elizabeth J. Lot No. 41, Hiller plan, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	40	50
Parker, Dexter, and Baxter's heirs. Winn meadow, . . . . .	11	176	2 20
Perry, Franklin W., and Co., Winchester. 1 currier shop, . . . . .		5000	
1 barn, . . . . .		400	
1 tan building, . . . . .		400	
1 hide house, . . . . .		200	
1 shed, . . . . .		100	
1 glue-stock building, . . . . .		50	
4 dwelling-houses, . . . . .		1300	
1 barn, . . . . .		50	
tillage, . . . . .	3	300	
pasture, . . . . .	7	700	
house lots, . . . . .	1	200	
Total amount of real estate, . .		8700	
Total amount of personal estate, .		4875	169 69
Quinn, Michael, Boston. Mengis plan, lots Nos. 109 and 110, east side of Young st., . . . . .	$\frac{1}{4}$	25	31
Riorden, P. O., Boston. 1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
Sheldon and Carter lot, unimproved, .	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	915	
Sylvester Carter " " . . . . .	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	885	
Carter and Gowing " " . . . . .	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	555	
O. A. Carter " " . . . . .	2	60	
C. Morrill " " . . . . .	2	60	
Total amount of real estate, . .		3000	37 50
Richardson, Rufus, heirs, Stoneham. wood, . . . . .	4	240	3 00
Remick, Jeremiah, Burlington. pasture, . . . . .	3	75	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Remick, Jeremiah, <i>continued.</i>			
wood, . . . . .	6	300	
unimproved, . . . . .	4	60	
Total amount of real estate, . .		435	5 44
Roundley, George W., Reading.			
1 poultry house, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	1	25	
English, . . . . .	2	75	
meadow, . . . . .	2	30	
wood, . . . . .	2	150	
unimproved, . . . . .	5½	100	
Total amount of real estate, . .		405	5 06
Richardson, Daniel H., Woburn.			
unimproved, . . . . .	8	160	2 00
Robertson, Matilda E., Dorchester.			
Mengis plan, lots 75 to 78, inclusive, west side of Parker st., . . . .	¼	40	50
Stimson, Thomas, Peabody.			
tillage, . . . . .	11½	140	
English, . . . . .	⅝	100	
Total amount of real estate, . .		240	3 00
Simpson, Benjamin F., Lowell.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
Lot No 40, Hiller plan, . . . .	⅓	25	
Henry and Horace Sheldon lot, un- improved, . . . . .	70	1400	
Total amount of real estate, . .		1725	21 56
Skoogs, Christina, Mrs., Boston.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		300	
Lots Nos. 42 and 43, Hiller plan, .	⅔	50	
Total amount of real estate, . .		350	4 38
Swain, Oliver A., Reading.			
Coggin meadow, . . . . .	4	60	
Bancroft lot, meadow, . . . . .	1	25	
Total amount of real estate, . .		85	1 06
Shed and Skilton, Burlington.			
unimproved, . . . . .	33	330	4 13
Simonds, Nathan, Burlington.			
unimproved, . . . . .	33½	750	9 38
Sweetser, Thomas, estate, Reading.			
wood, . . . . .	43	2150	26 88

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Stimpson, Perris G., heirs.			
wood, . . . . .	5	200	
unimproved, . . . . .	31	620	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		820	10 25
Simpson, Charles L., Portsmouth, N. H.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		500	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		25	
tillage, . . . . .	1	40	
English, . . . . .	1	30	
pasture, . . . . .	2	50	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		645	8 06
Spaulding, S., and P. R. George's heirs, Lowell.			
unimproved, . . . . .	3½	140	1 75
Sanborn, John N., North Reading.			
unimproved, . . . . .	4	25	31
Saunders, Mary E., and Elizabeth Leet, South Boston.			
Mengis plan, lots Nos. 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, west side of Parker st., . . . .	½	50	
Mengis plan, lots Nos. 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, east side of Young st., . . . .	½	50	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		100	1 25
Seccomb, E., Boston.			
Lots Nos. 68, 69, 70, 71 and 20, Silver Lake plan, . . . . .	5	150	1 88
Tenney, William P., and Co., Boston.			
Doctor White pasture, . . . . .	4½	180	2 25
Travis, Nancy, estate, North Reading.			
unimproved, . . . . .	4	60	75
Towne, Rebecca, Mrs., East Orange, N.J.			
½ dwelling-house, . . . . .		350	
English, . . . . .	8	320	
meadow, . . . . .	11	165	
wood, . . . . .	8	400	
unimproved, . . . . .	10	150	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		1385	17 31
Temple, Abram, heirs, Reading.			
wood, . . . . .	22	1760	
unimproved, . . . . .	18	270	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		2030	25 38

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Temple, Aaron, Reading. Unimproved,	12	200	2 50
Tidd, Jonathan, North Woburn.			
wood, . . . . .	9	450	5 63
Tidd, Daniel, heirs, North Woburn.			
wood, . . . . .	11	600	7 50
Taylor, John B., Burlington.			
pasture, . . . . .	2	50	
meadow, . . . . .	2	30	
unimproved, . . . . .	3	45	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		125	1 56
Taylor, J. B., Stephen Carter and B. F. Rollins, Burlington.			
unimproved, . . . . .	46	750	9 38
Trafton, E., South Boston.			
Mengis plan, lots Nos. 95 and 96, west side of Parker st., . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	20	25
Union Ice Company, Boston.			
14 ice-houses, . . . . .		17500	
1 engine-house, . . . . .		400	
1 carpenter shop, . . . . .		250	
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		1400	
1 barn, . . . . .		700	
1 saw-mill, . . . . .		400	
1 woodshed, . . . . .		100	
1 tool-house, . . . . .		40	
Carter lot, unimproved, . . . . .	3	120	
Alexander lot, unimproved, . . . .	$11\frac{1}{4}$	450	
Burnap " " . . . . .	$21\frac{1}{2}$	860	
C. H. Guild lots Nos. 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134 and 135, Silver Lake plan, . . . . .	$9\frac{3}{4}$	510	
tillage, . . . . .	1	100	
English, . . . . .	10	500	
orchard, . . . . .	1	100	
unimproved, . . . . .	3	50	
Lots Nos. 146, 147 and 148, Silver Lake plan, . . . . .	$2\frac{3}{8}$	175	
Total amount of real estate, . . . .		23655	
Total amount of personal estate, . .		1200	310 69
Wild, Charles D., Somerville.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		200	

Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Wild, Charles D., <i>continued.</i>			
1 barn, . . . . .		150	
Silver Lake plan, lots Nos. 24, 26, 27, 28, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, parts of 124 and 125,	22½	660	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1010	12 63
Wilcox, A. S., heirs, Lowell.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		150	
tillage, . . . . .	½	50	
Total amount of real estate. . . .		200	2 50
Walton, Mary F., Mrs., Nashua, N. H.			
unimproved, . . . . .	10	250	3 13
Winn, George and William, Woburn.			
unimproved, . . . . .	9	135	1 69
Winn, William H., Burlington.			
unimproved, . . . . .	5	125	1 56
Winn, William, Woburn. Meadow, .	1¼	50	63
Winn, George, heirs, Woburn.			
Jaques lot, unimproved, . . . . .	20	340	
Richardson lot, " . . . . .	2½	75	
Ross meadow, . . . . .	3	25	
Buck meadow, . . . . .	17	136	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		576	7 20
Whitman, M. K., Mrs., South Boston.			
1 dwelling-house, . . . . .		200	
tillage, . . . . .	¾	50	
Butters lot, unimproved, . . . . .	13	260	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		510	6 38
Woburn A. and M. Association.			
Holden (S. B. and L. L.) lot, wood,	2½	90	1 13
Woodlin, Abbie A., and Mrs. Georgia Fellows, Andover.			
English, . . . . .	8	240	
meadow, . . . . .	1	20	
pasture, . . . . .	18	270	
wood, . . . . .	10	500	
unimproved, . . . . .	36	540	
Total amount of real estate, . . .		1570	19 63
Wadden, J. B., Marblehead.			
Mengis plan, lot No. 8, north side of Plymouth av., . . . . .	1½	10	13



Names, and description of Real Estate.	Acres.	Valuation.	Tax.
Webster, Abbie F. Mengis plan, lots Nos. 24 and 25, east side of Parker st., . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	20	25
Wentworth, A. F., Saco, Me. Mengis plan, lot No. 19, west side of Young st., . . . . .	$\frac{1}{16}$	10	13
Young, Margaret F., Dorchester. Michael Mahoney lot, . . . . .	$\frac{1}{8}$	15	15
Owners unknown. Ayers Plan City No. 1, $\frac{79}{80}$ of lots Nos. 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40, 41, 44, . . . .	$11\frac{1}{20}$	355	4 44
Owners unknown. Sold to Henry Sheldon for taxes. Mengis plan lots, . . . . .	$3\frac{3}{4}$	200	2 50
Owners unknown. Sold to the town for taxes. Mengis plan lots, . . . . .	$7\frac{1}{16}$	810	10 13
Owners unknown. Mengis plan lots, . . . . .	4	502	6 28
Owners unknown. Silver Lake plan lots, . . . . .	$4\frac{1}{2}$	100	1 25

RECAPITULATION.

Value of real estate liable to taxation, . . .	\$480,847 00
“ of personal estate liable to taxation, . . .	84,256 00
Amount exempted from taxation, . . .	8,572 00

Total number of acres assessed, . . . . .	10,011 $\frac{1}{4}$
Number of polls, . . . . .	281

Dwelling-houses, . . . . . 224	Other buildings, . . . . . 170
Barns, . . . . . 150	Church, . . . . . 1
Grist-mill, . . . . . 1	School-houses, . . . . . 5
Saw and shingle mills, . . . . . 4	Horses, . . . . . 147
Stores, . . . . . 3	Oxen, . . . . . 4
Blacksmith shops, . . . . . 2	Cattle, . . . . . 248
Ice-houses, . . . . . 16	Sheep, . . . . . 24
Slaughter-houses, . . . . . 9	Swine, . . . . . 29

State Tax, . . . . .	\$450 00
County Tax, . . . . .	226 13
Town Tax, . . . . .	6,550 00

\$7,226 13

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EDWARD A. CARTER.      THOMAS A. BANCROFT.

**Public Weigher of Merchandise.**

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

**Field Drivers.**

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.      A. PORTER PEARSON.      WM. H. PUTNAM.  
FRANK AVERY.      AUSTIN HALL.

**Pound Keeper.**

JAMES A. SHEPARD.

**Surveyors of Highways.**

DISTRICT No. 1, . . . . .	HENRY B. NICHOLS.
" No. 2, . . . . .	WILLIAM H. CARTER, 2d.
" No. 3, . . . . .	EDWARD O. GOWING.
" No. 4, . . . . .	HENRY SHELDON.
" No. 5, . . . . .	WARREN EAMES.
" No. 6, . . . . .	ELBRIDGE TAYLOR.
" No. 7, . . . . .	CHARLES HOPKINS.
" No. 8, . . . . .	HIRAM BANCROFT.
" No. 9, . . . . .	ALVAH JELLISON.
" No. 10, . . . . .	WILLIAM H. BOUTWELL.
" No. 11, . . . . .	WILLIAM A. FROST.
" No. 12, . . . . .	CHARLES F. HARRIS.
" No. 13, . . . . .	ASA POTTER.

**Fish Wardens.**

DANIEL P. NOYES, . . . . .	Term expires in March, 1883.
THOMAS P. EAMES, . . . . .	" " " " 1882.
JOHN T. WILDE, . . . . .	" " " " 1881.

**Superintendent of Almshouse.**

CHARLES M. GOWING.

**Superintendent of Cemetery.**

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

**List of Jurors Revised October 19, 1880.**

HENRY W. EAMES.	JONATHAN B. MORRIS.
ASA POTTER.	HENRY SHELDON.
WARREN EAMES.	HENRY L. CARTER.
WM. H. CARTER, 2d.	OTIS GOWING.
DARIUS BUCK.	LEVI SWAIN, JR.
OTIS C. BUCK.	NATHAN E. BUCK.
OTHNIEL EAMES.	H. ALLEN SHELDON.

**Yearly Grand Juryman.**

HENRY SHELDON.

Paid County Treasurer \$112.20 on account of Dog Licenses in 1880.

WM. H. CARTER, *Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

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### EXPENSE OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward A. Carter for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, .	\$250 00
Otis C. Buck for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, .	185 00
Henry Sheldon for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, .	150 00
William H. Carter for services as Town Clerk, . . . . .	15 00
Cyrus L. Carter for services as Town Treas- urer, . . . . .	50 00
Darius Buck for services as Collector of Taxes, . . . . .	125 00
Thomas A. Bancroft for services as Con- stable, . . . . .	25 00
Frank Carter for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	8 00
Warren Eames for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	25 00
H. Allen Sheldon for services as School Committee, . . . . .	15 00
Asa Potter for services as School Commit- tee, . . . . .	10 00
Thomas P. Eames, Lemuel C. Eames, and Henry Sheldon for services as Auditing Committee, . . . . .	6 00
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	\$864 00

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The amount expended by the several Surveyors, viz. :—

District No.	1	paid H. B. Nichols, . . . .	\$114 25
	2	“ William H. Carter, 2d, . . .	114 74
	3	“ Edward O. Gowing, . . . .	130 75
	4	“ Henry Sheldon, . . . .	108 85
	5	“ Warren Eames, . . . .	138 00
	6	“ Elbridge Taylor, . . . .	92 63
	7	“ Charles Hopkins, . . . .	100 84
	8	“ Hiram Bancroft, . . . .	90 00
	9	“ Alvah Jellison, . . . .	112 57
	10	“ William H. Boutwell, . . .	104 66
	11	“ Edward Mears, . . . .	88 50
	12	“ Charles F. Harris, . . . .	136 00
	13	“ Asa Potter, . . . .	60 50
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			\$1,392 29

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Charles F. Harris for extra highway work in District No. 12, . . . .	\$41 35
Charles F. Harris for drawing lumber for bridge, and work on same, . . . .	3 00
Frederick S. White for housing road scraper, . . . .	2 00
Charles Hopkins for extra highway work in District No. 7, . . . .	8 85
John I. Munroe & Co., for lumber for Shawshene Bridge, . . . .	8 08
E. A. Carter for procuring lumber and labor on Shawshene Bridge, . . . .	2 00
J. A. Ames for spikes, . . . .	80
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	\$66 08

## REMOVING SNOW.

District No. 2,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1 33
4,	.	.	.	.	.	4 67
5,	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
6,	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
7,	.	.	.	.	.	3 33
9,	.	.	.	.	.	3 75
10,	.	.	.	.	.	2 25
11,	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
12,	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
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						\$24 33

## REPAIRS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Paid for painting and repairing the South school-house,	.	.	.	.	.	\$40 20
blasting stone and grading around the South school-house,	.	.	.	.	.	20 20
pump at the South school-house,	.	.	.	.	.	14 13
pump at the Centre school-house,	.	.	.	.	.	20 37
pump at the East school-house,	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
repairs on the town house,	.	.	.	.	.	7 27
stove for town house,	.	.	.	.	.	16 28
repairs on the West school-house,	.	.	.	.	.	91
watering-troughs, and repairing stove at the East school-house, repairing road scraper, and gate-irons for cemetery,	.	.	.	.	.	10 10
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						\$137 46

Paid for street lamps and oil,	.	.	.	.	.	\$29 05
insurance on buildings on town farm,	.	.	.	.	.	30 00
insurance on town house,	.	.	.	.	.	9 38
for cutting and clearing brush from cemetery,	.	.	.	.	.	23 00
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						\$91 43



## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid C. T. Tolman for printing 400 town reports,	\$40 00
Pollard & Parker for painting and repairing hearse, . . . . .	54 00
Mark Allen for printing 450 copies of valu- ation, . . . . .	123 34
Henry Buck for making and painting guide- boards, . . . . .	17 00
E. G. Avery for printing tax bills, . . .	3 25
for legal services for Darius Buck, . . .	5 00
G. and O. Gowing for wood for town house,	5 25
Walter Blaisdell for sawing and splitting wood, . . . . .	1 75
Fred A. Cady, raising and lowering flag- staff four times, . . . . .	2 00
Mrs. M. Spaulding for washing town house,	1 50
J. S. Garland for repairing town clock, .	2 00
T. A. Bancroft, journey out of town, and ex- penses on official business as constable,	3 50
T. A. Bancroft for police service, . . .	2 00
Levi Swain for " " . . .	2 00
Ed. M. Nichols for " " . . .	2 00
E. M. Carter for " " . . .	2 00
Otis C. Buck for grading in front of the hearse-house, and car fare, . . .	2 43
C. L. Carter for postage and express, . .	2 00
E. A. Carter for tax-book for collector, .	1 00
E. A. Carter for postage, express, paper, and car fare, . . . . .	4 00
Jonathan Carter for oil, screws, lamp-chim- neys and wicks for town house, . . .	2 96
William H. Carter for journey to Reading to qualify representative, . . . . .	2 00
William H. Carter for collecting and re- cording and making return to the Sec- retary of the Commonwealth of —	
14 births, . . . . .	7 00
17 deaths, . . . . .	5 10
7 marriages, . . . . .	1 05

Paid William H. Carter for blank-book, express matter, and postage, . . . .	\$3 37
E. M. Nichols for expenses incurred in protecting the town cemetery, . . .	15 22
E. M. Nichols for care of cemetery, . . .	15 00
“ “ for care of town-house, . . .	10 00
“ “ for ringing the bell, . . .	5 00
“ “ for returning 17 deaths to town clerk, . . . .	4 25
“ “ for lamp-bracket for town hall, . . .	30
“ “ for two lights of glass for town house, and setting the same, . . . .	50
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	\$347 77

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THEIR LAST ANNUAL MEETING, VIZ. :

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED.	AMOUNT EXPENDED.
For town officers, . . . \$800 00	For town officers, . . . \$864 00
roads and bridges, . . 150 00	roads and bridges, . . 66 08
State aid, . . . . 290 09	State aid, . . . . 216 00
interest on town notes, . . . . 360 00	interest on town notes, . . . . 467 42
miscellaneous expenses, . . . . 250 00	miscellaneous expenses, . . . . 347 77
repairs on public buildings, . . . . 150 00	repairs on public buildings, . . . . 137 46
support of highways, 1,500 00	support of highways, 1,392 29
support of public library, . . . . 50 00	support of public library, . . . . 75 00
common schools, . . 1,000 00	common schools, . . 1,293 65
select school, . . . 550 00	select school, . . . 453 63
support of poor, . . 1,400 00	support of poor, . . 1,044 29
use of fish wardens, . . 50 00	use of fish wardens, . . 41 75
\$6,550 00	\$6,399 34

STATE AID.

Paid Henry E. Stickney, . . . .	\$36 00
Widow Mary A. Phelps, . . . .	48 00
“ Phebe F. Simpson, . . . .	48 00
“ Rachel Clough, . . . .	48 00
“ Harriet Young, . . . .	36 00
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	\$216 00

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

WARREN EAMES, *Agent*.

## DR.

To balance of books on hand, 1880, . . .	\$42 03
cash paid for books Cowperthwait & Co., .	47 43
“ “ “ “ “ .	31 94
cash paid sundry small bills, . . .	27 97
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	\$149 37

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By cash of Warren Eames, . . .	\$65 58
books on hand, . . .	83 79
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	\$149 37

## VALUATION FOR 1880.

Real estate, . . . . .	\$480,847 00
Personal estate, . . . . .	84,256 00
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Total valuation, . . . . .	\$565,103 00

Amount of taxes assessed in 1880, \$7,563.78.

Rate of taxation for general tax \$12.50 per \$1,000.

## ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

For 1876, Darius Buck, Collector, . . .	\$3 28
1878, Darius Buck, Collector, . . .	110 72
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	\$114 00
Paid Darius Buck for expenses of real estate released for taxes, . . . . .	\$101 08

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm, . . . . .	\$4,000 00
Personal property at town farm, . . .	1,046 85
Town house, . . . . .	1,800 00

School-houses and furniture, . . .	\$6,800 00
Town scales and sealer's office, . . .	250 00
Two hearses, . . . . .	375 00
Hearse house, . . . . .	100 00
Cemetery land and lots, . . . . .	425 00
Furniture in town hall and selectmen's office, .	100 00
Public library and furniture, . . . . .	1,000 00
Cedar posts and poles, . . . . .	2 00
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	\$15,898 85

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
 OTIS C. BUCK,  
 HENRY SHELDON,  
*Selectmen and Assessors of Wilmington.*

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Registered Number.	NAMES.	Age,	REMARKS.
5	Louisa Burtt, . .	76	
7	Fanny Butters, . .	40	
8	Albert Carter, . .	61	
12	Elbridge Butters, .	75	
36	Clarrisa Reed, . .	85	
22	Charlotte Butters, .	9	
41	Horace Hale, . .	22	

Whole number during the year, . . . . . 8

Present number, . . . . . 7

One hundred and twenty-nine lodgings, and two hundred and eighty-two meals have been furnished to vagrants.

### INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FEBRUARY 1, 1881.

Live stock, . . . . .	\$170 00
Farming tools, etc., . . . . .	338 95
Provisions, etc., . . . . .	107 75
Wood and lumber, . . . . .	81 50
Household furniture, . . . . .	337 15
Contents of lobby, . . . . .	11 50

\$1,046 85



## EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid J. A. Ames, for groceries and grain, . .	\$141 79
George L. Perry, for blacksmith work, . .	17 90
J. R. Currier, for crackers, . . . .	45 00
Jonathan Carter, for groceries and grain, .	125 47
C. M. Gowing, salary, one year, . . . .	300 00
George E. Carter, for meat, . . . .	39 83
Warren Eames, for meat, . . . .	1 87
Arthur O. Buck, for meat, . . . .	19 70
Edward Buck, for meat, . . . .	1 28
T. A. McDonald, for fish, . . . .	7 97
Dr. J. P. Elliott, for professional services, .	18 50
Dr. C. Jordan, for professional services, .	10 00
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	\$729 31

## CHARLES M. GOWING'S ACCOUNT AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for dry-goods, . . . . .	\$25 88
for hardware, . . . . .	3 71
for clothing, . . . . .	6 38
for shoes, . . . . .	3 00
for bread, . . . . .	85
for soap, . . . . .	10 00
curtain fixtures, . . . . .	1 20
for medicines, . . . . .	40 78
for fish, . . . . .	7 73
for provisions, . . . . .	13 71
for Paris green and stove-blackening, . .	40
for repairing axes, . . . . .	75
for horse-radish, . . . . .	30
for strawberries, . . . . .	1 00
for horse-feed, car-fare, and express, . .	3 65
cash to C. P. Avery, . . . . .	1 50
for tinkering, . . . . .	90
for labor at the almshouse, . . . . .	42 54
J. W. Gardner, for groceries delivered in	
1879, . . . . .	5 03

Paid for mason-work and whitening, . . .	\$10 50
for mirror and chair-seat, . . .	90
for sawing lumber, . . .	1 14
for cider, . . .	1 50
for pearline, . . .	50
Irwin E. Morse, for two pigs, . . .	8 00
for leather and cobbling, . . .	1 10
for fertilizer, . . .	4 50
for windows, . . .	2 55
for coal, . . .	3 62
Warren Eames, for butchering hogs, . . .	3 00
for curing hams, . . .	2 00
for making cider, . . .	3 62

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\$212 24

#### OUTSIDE POOR SUPPLIED.

Paid Richard Nichols, for care of Henry E. Stickney, . . .	\$50 00
W. H. Willis, for medicine for Henry E. Stickney, . . .	1 95
Worcester Insane Asylum, undertaker's charges for Eva J. Sowersby, . . .	15 32
for aid furnished David Boyce, . . .	15 00
for aid furnished Eldad Butters, . . .	13 47
city of Boston, for aid furnished Mrs. James W. Walker, . . .	2 00
Thomas A. Bancroft, for arresting tramps, . . .	2 00
E. C. Stockwell, for aid furnished for arresting tramps, . . .	3 00

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\$102 74

#### RECEIPTS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Received for butter, . . .	\$47 77
for milk, . . .	16 20
for meat, . . .	3 05
for eggs, . . .	2 63
for board, . . .	5 00
for cranberries, . . .	17 50

Received for apples, . . . . .	\$31 13
for calves, . . . . .	17 00
for cart, . . . . .	15 00
for hay, . . . . .	9 73
for pump logs, . . . . .	6 80
for wood, . . . . .	75 31
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	\$247 12

## SUMMARY EXPENSES.

Total expense at the almshouse, . . . . .	\$941 55
Receipts, . . . . .	247 12
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Net expense at the almshouse, . . . . .	\$694 43
Expense outside, . . . . .	102 74
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Net expense of poor inside and outside of the almshouse, . . . . .	\$797 17

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
OTIS C. BUCK,  
HENRY SHELDON,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

## REPORT OF THE FISH WARDENS.

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The fish wardens have to report that thirty-four black bass, of good size, in good condition, and full of spawn, were put into Silver Lake last spring. The public appear to have respected the effort of the town to stock this pond. So far as we have learned, the fish have not been interfered with; and they are believed to be doing well.

It was our hope to procure alewives for the brooks and the pond; but owing to the resignation of one member of our board, and the forwardness of the season, which brought these fish earlier than was expected, the opportunity was missed. We hope to be more successful next May, and that in a few years this valuable fish may swarm in our streams as they once did.

We have likewise made application to the State commissioners for a supply of the *European Carp*, an excellent fish, long cultivated on the estates of the wealthier classes in Europe, very easily raised, and exactly suited to the warm and sluggish waters of our principal brooks.

The State commissioners give us assurance that the Ipswich River shall be opened throughout its extent, in ample season for any fish that we may put into it. A balance of twenty dollars remains in the hands of the town's treasurer, for the use of this board; and we trust it will be sufficient.

DANIEL P. NOYES.  
THOMAS P. EAMES.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The donations to the library have been as follows : —

Public Documents from Washington, D. C., .	7 vols.
Scribner's Magazine from Mrs. Noyes, . .	5 "
Total number of donations, . . . .	12 "
Number of books purchased, . . . .	116 "
of books for circulation, . . . .	890 "
of books taken out during the year, .	1,830 "
of persons taking out books, . . .	240

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Receipts.*

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1880, . . . .	\$2 78
Received of town treasurer, librarian's salary for 1879, . . . . .	25 00
of town treasurer, appropriation for 1880, . . . . .	50 00
of town treasurer, one-half of Bur- nap Fund, . . . . .	100 00
of Charles W. Swain, former treas- urer, . . . . .	19 30
for catalogues and fines, . . . .	1 91
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	\$198 99

*Payments.*

Paid librarian's salary for 1879, .	\$25 00
Henry D. Noyes & Co., for books, . . . . .	104 86



Paid Journal of Chemistry, 3 years, from Jan. 1, 1878, to Jan. 1, 1881, . . . . .	\$3 00	
Woburn Journal, 3 years, from Aug. 20, 1878, to Aug. 20, 1881, . . . .	3 00	
expenses incurred purchasing books, . . . . .	2 00	
express on books, . . . .	1 05	
covering and repairing books, . . . .	5 00	
librarian's salary for 1880, . . . .	25 00	
Cash to balance, . . . . .	30 08	
	<hr/>	\$198 99

ARTHUR O. BUCK,

*Treasurer and Librarian.*

# A CONDENSED ABSTRACT FROM THE TOWN'S BOOKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1881.

C. L. CARTER, *Treasurer.*

Dr.	CASH.	PER CONTRA.	Cr.
To balance on hand on former settlement,	\$1,242 66	By cash paid town orders, .	\$4,057 56
cash returned by J. T. Wilde, on fish commission,	20 00	" " for schools :	
" received of county treasurer, dog licenses, .	100 89	" " High school, .	453 63
" for peddlers' licenses, .	6 00	" " North school, .	300 89
" town's notes issued, .	1,000 00	" " South school, .	296 03
" lots in cemetery, .	30 00	" " East school, .	276 45
" received from State treasurer, bank tax, .	141 85	" " West school, .	189 83
" " " State aid, ch. 282, .	117 44	" " Centre school, .	230 45
" " " " " 301, .	84 00	" " interest, .	467 42
" " " " " 192, .	40 00	" " state tax, .	450 00
" " " " " indigent soldiers, .	24 00	" " county tax, .	226 13
" " " " " corporation tax, .	36 56	" " acct. Joseph Burnap fund, .	100 00
" " " " " school fund income, .	217 09	" " salary of librarian, 1879, .	25 00
" " on book acct. pr. Warren Eames, .	65 58	" " trustees of library, .	50 00
" " for use of town house, .	5 00	" " on acct. of books, .	117 34
" " taxes, 1876, '77 and '78, .	429 28	" " Frank Carter, services as school committee, .	8 00
" " " 1879, .	1,176 55	" " town's notes, .	2,500 00
" " " 1880, .	5,930 88	To balance on hand carried forward, .	919 03
To balance brought forward, .	\$10,667 78		\$10,667 78

The undersigned, a Committee chosen on the part of the town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly cast and properly vouched for, and they find remaining in the treasury nine hundred and nineteen dollars and five cents.

HENRY HILLER,  
OTHNIEL EAMES,  
*Committee.*

WILMINGTON, Feb. 12, 1881.

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

### LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note due Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1876, . . .	\$2,000 00
L. C. Eames, May 1, 1876, . . .	750 00
Otis C. Buck, May 1, 1876, . . .	500 00
A. M. Eames, trustee, May 1, 1876, . . .	119 47
Darius Buck, Oct. 1, 1876, . . .	1,100 00
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	\$4,469 47
Interest account on above, . . . . .	202 45
Due High Street, . . . . .	\$268 07
North " . . . . .	52 67
South " . . . . .	30 06
East " . . . . .	25 78
West " . . . . .	112 69
Centre " . . . . .	105 12
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	594 39
Burnap library fund, . . . . .	100 00
Outstanding town orders, . . . . .	160 00
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	\$5,526 31

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, . . . . .	\$919 05
Due from estate of S. B. Nichols, . . .	117 45
Due on tax list, 1877, '78, '79, . . .	658 48
Due on tax list, 1880, . . . . .	1,652 76
Due on acct. state aid and indigent soldiers, . . . . .	198 00
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	3,545 74
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Net indebtedness of the town, . . . . .	\$1,980 57

## STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1880.

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Date of Birth.
1	Johanna Lynch.	William Lynch.	January 14.
2	Elizabeth Young Taylor.	Mary Lynch. Sylvester W. Taylor.	February 2.
3	Maggie Belle Baxter.	Laura J. Taylor. James Baxter.	March 25.
4	John Wesley Mason.	Jane Baxter.	April 6.
5	Fannie Elmira Mason.	Charles A. Mason.	May 25.
5	Sarah Theresa Mace.	Luellie J. Mason.	June 10.
6	Marion Gowing Eames.	Edward Mace.	June 12.
7	Charles Warren Damon.	Fannie Mace.	August 11.
8	——— Prebble.	Edgar N. Eames.	August 27.
9	Clarence Foster Falkins.	Kate Eames.	September 10.
10	Roger Cleaveland Buck.	William J. Damon.	September 19.
11	Frank Henry McKenney.	Kate E. Damon.	September 24.
12	Florence Grandfield.	Edward P. Prebble.	November 6.
13	Margaret Doyle.	Marcia Prebble.	December 8.
14	Willie Mason Boynton.	Richard L. Falkins.	December 24.
15	Winfred William Rice.	Mary E. Falkins.	
		Edward Buck.	
		M. Emma Buck.	
		William G. McKenney.	
		Lydia M. McKenney.	
		John Grandfield.	
		Mary J. Grandfield.	
		James Doyle.	
		Catharine Doyle.	
		Dan W. Boynton.	
		Laura J. Boynton.	
		Samuel R. Rice.	
		Mary J. Rice.	

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1880.

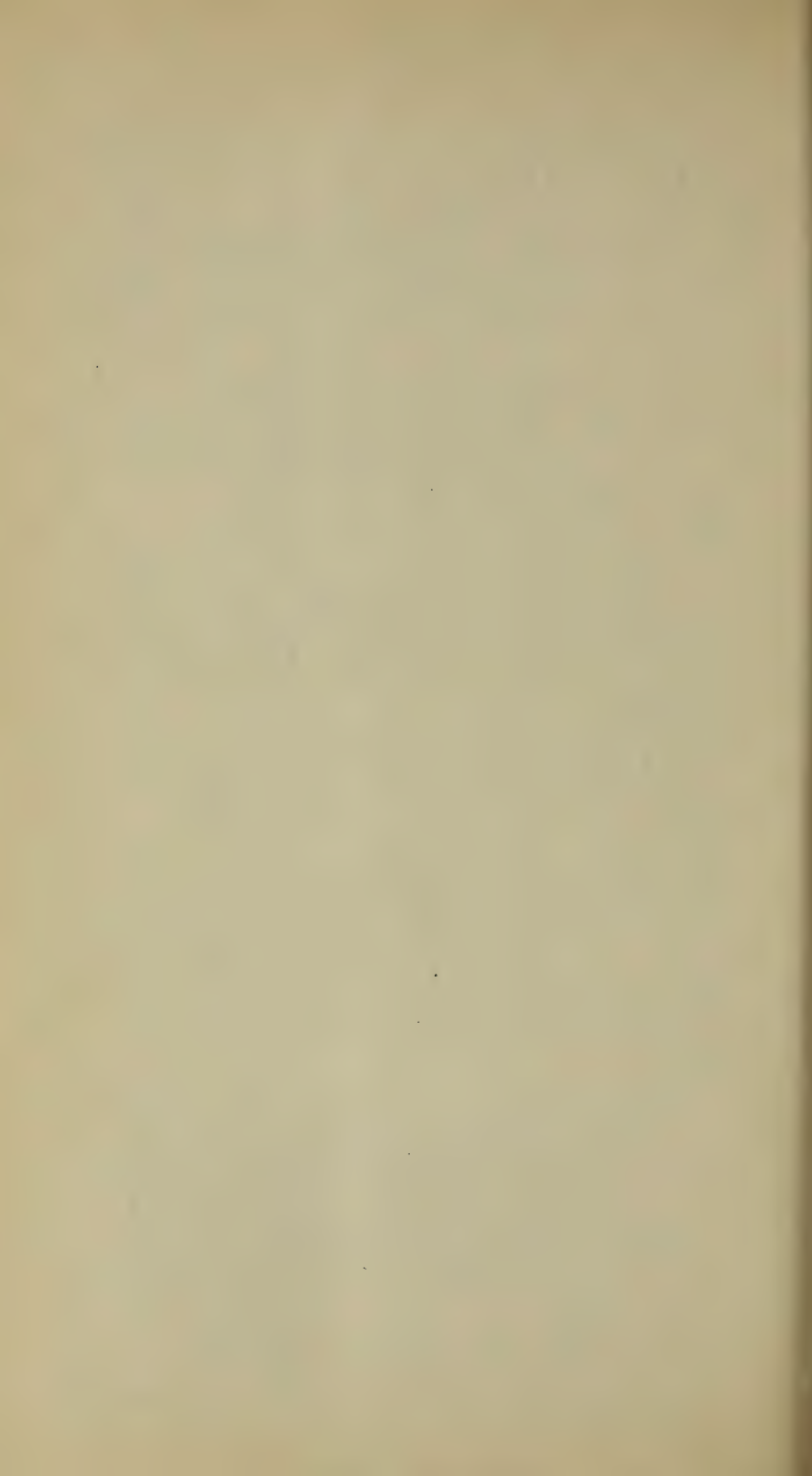
Number.	Date of Death.	NAME OF DECEASED.	Age.	Condition.	Place of Birth.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	Disease or Cause of Death.
<b>1880.</b>							
1	Jan. 18,	Andrew Gragg,	<b>Y. M. D.</b> 78 6 0	Married,	Bedford, N.H.,	Richard and James Gragg,	Rupture.
2	Feb. 25,	Thomas F. Gowing,	41 7 21	Married,	Wilmington,	Joshua and Clarissa Gowing,	Heart Disease.
3	Mar. 16,	Ward Parker,	66 8 0	Widower,	Wilmington,	Levi and Polly N. Parker,	Pneumonia.
4	Apr. 15,	Nehemiah Manning,	55 10 13	Single,	Tewksbury,	Jonathan and Abra C. Manning,	Consumption.
5	" 16,	James Dowd,	63 0 0	Married,	Ireland,	Not known,	Erysipelas.
6	" 30,	Jennie W. Sargent,	2 6 14	Child,	Wilmington,	J. Sheldon and Angelina B. Sargent,	Whooping-Cough.
7	May 5,	Joshua Gowing,	84 3 10	Widower,	Wilmington,	Joseph and Sarah Gowing,	Jaundice.
8	June 11,	Margaret Quinn,	85 0 0	Widow,	Ireland,	Daniel and Susan Callahan,	Diarrhoea.
9	July 12,	Sarah Martin,	15 0 20	Child,	Wilmington,	Timothy and Sarah Martin,	Consumption.
10	" 16,	Susan Morrill,	86 6 12	Married,	Wilmington,	Samuel and Susan Tufts,	Rose Cancer.
11	Aug. 3,	Robert S. Slade,	0 10 21	Child,	Chelsea, Mass.,	W. L. and Annie B. Slade,	Cholera Infantum.
12	" 9,	Henry E. Pearson,	52 9 0	Married,	Wilmington,	Abiel and Jerusha Pearson,	Consumption.
13	Sept. 7,	Harry B. Chase,	0 1 15	Child,	Lynn, Mass.,	George N. and Mary E. Chase,	Cholera Infantum.
14	" 9,	O. J. Warren Killom,	26 3 22	Married,	Wilmington,	O. J. and Betsey N. Killom,	Cerebritis.
15	July 31,	Mary J. Doucett,	0 10 0	Child,	Wilmington,	C. and Julia Doucett,	Cholera Infantum.
16	Sept. 25,	Samuel Manning,	83 3 0	Widower,	"	Solomon and Olive Manning,	Phlebitis.
17	Nov. 12,	Joseph A. Cheney,	73 3 7	Married,	Boston, Mass.,	Joseph and Martha Cheney,	Pneumonia.



# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1880.

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No.	Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.
<b>1880.</b>							
1	Jan. 21.	Edward B. Eames. Clara L. Young.	24 24	Wilmington. Reading, Mass.	Trader.	Wilmington. Reading, Mass.	Nathan B. and Sarah W. Eames. Charles W. and Frutilla W. Young.
2	Mar. 17.	Frank W. Kidder. Mary A. Sheldon.	24 21	Stoneham, Mass. Wilmington.	Trader.	Gray, Me. Wilmington.	Benj. F. and Sarah R. Kidder. H. Allen and Catherine Sheldon.
3	June 26	Peter Cassidy. Catherine Hannan.	35 34	Wilmington. Andover, Mass.	Farmer.	Ireland. Ireland.	Joseph and Catherine Cassidy. John and Bridget Hannan.
4	July 4.	Thomas McMahan. Isabella McEnroe.	27 17	Wilmington. Wilmington.	Currier.	Ireland. Wilmington.	Michael and Mary McMahan. Bernard and Susan McEnroe.
5	Nov. 20.	John Kenney. Mary Duffee.	27 24	Wilmington. Andover, Mass.	Farmer.	Ireland. Ireland.	Patrick and Ann Kenney. John and Margaret Duffee.
6	Dec. 23.	Frank M. Foster Annie M. Harnden.	23 21	Tewksbury, Mass. Wilmington.	Farmer.	Tewksbury, Mass. Wilmington.	Oliver and Abby Foster. Everell and Julia Harnden.
7	Dec. 21.	Jonathan H. Buck. Catherine Warland.	26 21	Wilmington. Woburn, Mass.	Farmer.	Wilmington. Woburn, Mass.	Henry and Sarah Jane Buck. Paschal M. and Harriet Warland.



# SCHOOL REPORT.



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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To the citizens of Wilmington the School Committee present the following brief report :

At the commencement of the year we were led to hope for large results in the progress of our schools, from the fact that we were able to retain so many of our former teachers, "the tried and true." We feel sure that all who have watched the progress of the schools so favored must see the advantages of employing the same teachers consecutive terms. The East school, under the care of Miss Converse, of Woburn, has accomplished a good work. The class that entered the high school at the commencement of the fall term, gave good evidence of the thoroughness of her instruction.

The South school was taught by Miss Taylor, of Woburn. Under her management the school has made great improvement, and now compares favorably with any in town.

The West school, during the spring term, was taught by Miss Ida Perry, of this town. When visited by the Committee and at the examination the school appeared well. As this school was very much reduced in numbers by removals, in the fall it was not thought advisable to open the school-house. An arrangement was therefore made with Mrs. Lizzie H. Carter, a former teacher and one much beloved, to instruct the scholars of the district at her own residence. We believe this plan has been most satisfactory to all parties.

The Centre school, during the year, has been under the instruction of Miss Bancroft, of Reading. Miss B. has well sustained her former excellent reputation.

The spring term of the North school was taught by Miss Carrie F. Buck. Miss B.'s methods of instruction were particularly good. The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Colburn, of Boston. Her system of teaching pos-



sesses some very pleasant features. The exercise in composition at the closing examination reflected much credit on the scholars and teacher. Still, the school as a whole did not, in all particulars, meet the expectations of the Committee.

The high school has been subjected to frequent changes during the year. Mr. Frank Carter commenced the spring term, but procuring a better position, resigned at the end of the fourth week. He was a thorough instructor, prompt and faithful in his duties, and raised the standard of scholarship in the school. Mr. E. A. Emerson, of Haverhill, finished the term. Mr. E. was a young man of fine scholarly attainments, and gave promise of becoming a most successful teacher. He also obtained a better situation.

Mr. W. P. Conant taught the fall term. He came very highly recommended as an experienced teacher, but for some reason failed to secure the respect of the scholars, and the school was only a partial success. Miss Twitchell, well known in this town in the past, is now teaching the winter term. The school is progressing pleasantly and prosperously under her instruction.

Mason's Musical Charts have been introduced in all the schools the past term. We were a little skeptical as to their utility, but on visiting the schools after their introduction, our doubts vanished, and we were satisfied that it was a wise expenditure.

We cannot close our report without calling attention to a trite but worthy subject. While in all our districts the old, dilapidated school-houses have given place to neat, tasteful buildings, our high school is held in a public house, and liable to be set aside at any time for public convenience.

We trust the people of Wilmington, who have always been ready for every good work, will take this matter into serious consideration, and at no distant day provide a suitable building, which will be an honor to the town, and also be a step toward making our high school what we all hope it to become.

WARREN EAMES,  
H. ALLEN SHELDON,  
ASA POTTER,

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Terms.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attend- ance.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number not tardy.	Number not ab- sent or tardy.	Length of Term.	Salary per Month.
High, .	Mr. Frank Carter, .	First, .	21	20½	-	12	17	6	3½ months,	\$48 00
"	Mr. E. A. Emerson, .	Second, .	30	27	-	10	20	1	"	48 00
"	Mr. W. P. Conant, .	Third, .	28	26	-	10	19	7	"	48 00
East, .	Miss Salome G. Twitchell, .	First, .	19	14½	-	-	17	3	"	32 00
"	Miss Lottie E. Converse, .	Second, .	17	15	-	-	12	3	"	32 00
"	"	Third, .	13	11½	-	-	7	-	1½	32 00
South, .	Miss Brazillia Taylor	First, .	33	29½	-	1	18	4	"	32 00
"	"	Second, .	33	27	-	1	9	4	"	32 00
"	"	Third, .	24	19½	-	1	9	4	"	32 00
Centre, .	Miss Cornelia Bancroft, .	First, .	29	24½	-	-	18	5	"	32 00
"	"	Second, .	29	24½	1	-	21	3	"	32 00
"	"	Third, .	21	19	-	-	16	3	"	32 00
North, .	Miss Carrie F. Buck .	First, .	35	32½	1	-	22	5	"	32 00
"	Miss Anna S. Colburn, .	Second, .	35	30	1	-	27	2	"	32 00
"	"	Third, .	26	22½	1	-	12	-	2½	32 00
West, .	Miss H. Ida Perry, .	First, .	10	9½	-	-	3	-	"	28 00
"	Mrs. Lizzie H. Carter, .	Second, .	5	4½	-	-	5	2	"	16 00
"	"	Third, .	4	3	-	-	4	-	"	16 00

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## MIDDLESEX, ss.

*To Thomas A. Bancroft, Constable of the Town of Wilmington, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the town house, on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the report of committees, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to defray annual expenses and pay town debts.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the select school for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways, and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the public library for the year ensuing.

ART. 10. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes under the direction of the selectmen, the money to be paid out of this year's taxes.

ART. 12. To see if the town will give any further instruction to the collector of taxes in regard to the sale of real estate for taxes.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to accept fifty dollars in trust, bequeathed to the town of Wilmington by Levi Reynolds, the interest of which is to be used as needed to keep the Reynolds' burying lot and monument in proper order.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to repair or remove the tomb.

ART. 15. To see if the town will adopt any measure for furnishing fuel for the town house and the several schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of repairing the new road leading from the Boston & Lowell depot to the centre of the town, beginning at a point northerly of the bridge, between land of J. A. Ames and Simeon Jaquith.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
OTIS C. BUCK,  
HENRY SHELDON,

*Selectmen of Wilmington.*





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,  
FROM  
FEBRUARY 1, 1881, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1882;  
AND  
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1881-82;  
AND ALSO THE  
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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1882.



# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1881.

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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

EDWARD A. CARTER, *Chairman.*

OTIS C. BUCK.

NATHAN B. EAMES.

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Town Clerk.

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

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Town Treasurer.

CYRUS L. CARTER.

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School Committee.

*Lemuel C. Eames having resigned, Warren Eames was appointed by the Selectmen to fill the vacancy,*

ARTHUR O. BUCK,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1883.
WARREN EAMES,	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " " 1882.
J. SHELDON SARGENT,	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " " 1882.

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Trustees of Public Library.

LEVI SWAIN,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1884.
CHARLES W. SWAIN,	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " " 1884.
ARTHUR O. BUCK,	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " " 1883.
OTIS GOWING,	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " " 1883.
WARREN EAMES,	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " " 1882.
JAMES A. SHEPARD,	.	.	.	.	.	.	" " " 1882.

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Treasurer and Librarian of Public Library.

ARTHUR O. BUCK.

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Collector of Taxes.

DARIUS BUCK.

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Constable.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

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Auditors of Accounts.

LEMUEL C. EAMES.

WARREN EAMES.

CHARLES W. SWAIN.

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Fence Viewers.

HENRY SHELDON.

HORACE SHELDON.

OTHNIEL EAMES.

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Sealer of Weights and Measures.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

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Surveyors of Lumber.

SILAS BROWN.

GEORGE W. HORTON.

EDWARD A. CARTER.

HENRY SHELDON.

THOMAS A. BANCROFT.



## REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

### EXPENSE OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward A. Carter for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	\$150 00
Otis C. Buck for services as Selectman, Asses- sor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . . . .	100 00
Nathan B. Eames for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, . . . .	100 00
William H. Carter for services as Town Clerk,	15 00
Cyrus L. Carter for services as Town Treasu- rer, . . . . .	50 00
Darius Buck for services as Collector of Taxes,	110 00
Edward M. Nichols for services as Constable,	25 00
Arthur O. Buck for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	25 00
Warren Eames for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	20 00
Henry Hiller and Othniel Eames for services as Auditing Committee, . . . . .	4 00
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	\$599 00

### REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The amount expended by the several surveyors, viz. :—

District No. 1	paid A. P. Pearson, . . . . .	\$124 92
2	“ William H. Carter, 2d, . . . . .	128 80
3	“ Frederick S. White, . . . . .	143 28
4	“ H. A. Sheldon, . . . . .	129 63
4	“ Henry Sheldon, for the year 1880, . . . . .	8 85



District No.	5	paid Warren Eames, . . . .	\$145 00
	6	“ Elbridge Taylor, . . . .	95 16
	7	“ Charles Hopkins, . . . .	100 02
	8	“ Benjamin F. Perry, . . . .	112 72
	9	“ George W. McIntosh, . . . .	110 26
	10	“ William H. Boutwell, . . . .	100 77
	11	“ Edward Mears, . . . .	93 49
	12	“ Charles F. Harris, . . . .	142 90
	13	“ Levi Swain, . . . .	73 41
	13	“ Asa Potter, for the year 1880,	9 25
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			\$1,518 46

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Everell Handen for building culvert near Mrs.	
J. K. Pearson, . . . . .	\$16 00
George L. Taylor for repairing culvert near	
his house, . . . . .	12 32
N. B. Eames for work on roads and bridges, .	15 34
E. A. Carter for labor and material on roads	
and bridges, . . . . .	11 00
Otis C. Buck, for labor on roads and bridges,	14 50
Sylvester Carter, for cedar poles for railing, .	8 91
H. A. Sheldon, for building culvert near John	
W. Perry's shop, . . . . .	15 00
H. A. Sheldon, for repairing culvert near the	
cemetery, and widening the road, . . . .	22 00
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	\$115 07

## REPAIRING NEW ROAD.

Paid Frederick S. White for repairing the new road	
leading from J. A. Ames's store to the flag-	
staff, . . . . .	\$200 00

## REMOVING SNOW.

District No.	1, . . . . .	\$50 32
	2, . . . . .	13 67

District No. 3, . . . . .	\$70 07
4, . . . . .	56 68
5, . . . . .	27 33
6, . . . . .	20 83
7, . . . . .	16 90
8, . . . . .	17 91
9, . . . . .	47 75
10, . . . . .	19 08
11, . . . . .	38 50
12, . . . . .	28 73
13, . . . . .	20 50
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	\$428 27

#### REPAIRS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Paid for painting the Centre school-house and whitewashing the fence, . . . .	\$38 74
building wall and grading at the South school-house, . . . . .	35 00
pump at the East school-house, . . .	9 00
pump at the West school-house, . . .	11 50
repairing pump at the South school-house,	2 75
repairs on the town house, . . . .	3 25
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	\$100 24

Paid for printing Historical Addresses delivered by Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, . . . .	\$78 00
building tomb, . . . . .	532 58

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Mark Allen for printing 350 town reports, .	\$59 50
E. G. Avery for printing tax bills, . . .	3 25
O. H. Arno for cloth for draping the church,	7 31
M. Barbric for police duty fair day, . . .	2 00
Levi Swain for " " " " . . .	2 00
James B. Nichols for police duty fair day, .	2 00

Paid Clerk of Courts, Middlesex County, for filing petitions, . . . . .	\$6 60
Edward A. Carter for tax-book for collector, . . . . .	1 50
Edward A. Carter for postage, express, paper and car fare, . . . . .	6 00
Mrs. Frank Muse for cleaning town house, . . . . .	5 00
E. M. Nichols for care of cemetery, . . . . .	15 00
“ “ for care of town house, . . . . .	10 00
“ “ for ringing the bell, . . . . .	5 00
“ “ for returning 18 deaths to the Town Clerk, . . . . .	4 50
“ “ for police duty fair day, . . . . .	2 00
C. L. Carter for services as justice of the peace, and postage, . . . . .	2 30
Cochrane & Sampson, for order-book for school committee, . . . . .	5 50
Jonathan Carter, for oil and lamp chimneys for town house, . . . . .	2 80
William H. Carter for recording and indexing soldiers and sailors in the late war of the rebellion, . . . . .	5 00
William H. Carter for journey to Reading, to qualify Representative, . . . . .	2 00
William H. Carter for recording and making return to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of— 20 births, . . . . .	10 00
18 deaths, . . . . .	5 40
10 marriages, . . . . .	1 00
William H. Carter, postage, express matter and stationery, . . . . .	4 30
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	\$169 96

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THEIR LAST ANNUAL MEETING,  
VIZ. :

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED.		AMOUNT EXPENDED.	
For town officers, . . .	\$500 00	For town officers, . . .	\$599 00
roads and bridges, . . .	150 00	roads and bridges, . . .	115 07
State aid, . . . . .	200 00	State aid, . . . . .	192 00
interest on town		interest on town	
notes, . . . . .	250 00	notes, . . . . .	308 18
miscellaneous ex-		miscellaneous ex-	
penses, . . . . .	250 00	penses, . . . . .	169 96
repairs on public		repairs on public	
buildings, . . . . .	150 00	buildings, . . . . .	100 24
common schools, . . .	1,000 00	common schools, . . .	1,334 23
select school, . . . .	550 00	select school, . . . .	544 45
support of poor, . . .	1,200 00	support of poor, . . .	1,065 50
removing snow, . . .	430 00	removing snow, . . .	428 27
support of highways, .	1,500 00	support of highways, .	1,518 46
support of public li-		support of public li-	
brary, . . . . .	100 00	brary, . . . . .	100 00
building new tomb, . .	500 00	building new tomb, . .	532 58
repairing new road, . .	200 00	repairing new road, . .	200 00
services of moderator,	3 00	services of moderator,	3 00
	<u>\$6,983 00</u>		<u>\$7,210 94</u>

STATE AID.

Paid Widow Mary A. Phelps, . . . . .	\$48 00
" Phebe N. Simpson, . . . . .	48 00
" Rachael Clough, . . . . .	48 00
" Harriet Young, . . . . .	48 00
	<u>\$192 00</u>

BOOK ACCOUNT.

WARREN EAMES, *Agent*.

1881.

*Dr.*

Feb. 1. To amount of books on hand, . . . . .	\$83 79
Cash paid Cowperthwait & Co., for	
books, . . . . .	35 04
Cash paid Knight, Adams & Co., for	
books, . . . . .	4 22
	<u>\$123 05</u>

1881.	<i>Cr.</i>		
By cash of Warren Eames,	.	.	\$37 66
Books on hand,	.	.	85 39
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			\$123 05
To books on hand Feb. 1, 1881,	.	.	\$85 39

## VALUATION FOR 1881.

Real estate,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$484,995 00
Personal estate,	.	.	.	.	.	.	77,557 00
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Total valuation,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$562,542 00

Amount of taxes assessed in 1881, \$7,659.13.

Rate of taxation for general tax, \$13 per \$1,000.

## ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

For 1878, Darius Buck, Collector,	.	.	.	\$4 00
1879, Darius Buck, Collector,	.	.	.	76 84
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				\$80 84

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$4,000 00
Personal property at town farm,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,102 30
Eldad Butters place,	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
Town house,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,800 00
School house and furniture,	.	.	.	.	.	.	6,800 00
Town scales and sealer's office,	.	.	.	.	.	.	250 00
Two hearses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	375 00
Cemetery land and lots,	.	.	.	.	.	.	400 00
Furniture in town hall and selectmen's office,	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
Public library and furniture,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
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							\$15,927 30

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
 OTIS C. BUCK,  
 NATHAN B. EAMES,  
*Selectmen and Assessors of Wilmington*



## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Registered Number.	NAMES.	Age.	REMARKS.
5	Louisa Burt, . .	77	
7	Fanny Butters, . .	41	
8	Albert Carter, . .	62	
12	Elbridge Butters, . .	76	
22	Charlotte Butters, . .	9	
43	Eldad Butters, . .	70	
42	Mary Butters, . .	65	

Whole number during the year, . . . . . 9

Present number, . . . . . 7

Forty-eight lodgings and one hundred and sixty-four meals have been furnished to vagrants.

### INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FEBRUARY 1, 1882.

Live stock, . . . . .	\$194 00
Farming tools, etc., . . . . .	386 20
Provisions, etc., . . . . .	101 50
Wood and Lumber, . . . . .	73 00
Household furniture, . . . . .	337 10
Contents of lobby, . . . . .	10 50

\$1,102 50

## EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid J. A. Ames, for groceries and grain, . . .	\$104 51
Arthur O. Buck, for meat, . . . . .	43 86
Dr. J. P. Elliott, for professional services, . .	7 50
J. B. Currier, for crackers, . . . . .	41 29
George L. Perry, for blacksmith work, . . .	5 65
Jonathan Carter, for groceries and grain, . .	206 49
E. M. Nichols, funeral expenses of Clarissa Reed, . . . . .	19 00
Warren Eames, for meat, . . . . .	2 61
C. M. Gowing, salary one year, . . . . .	300 00
George E. Carter, for meat, . . . . .	43 53
C. M. Gowing, balance due on settlement, . .	52 13
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	\$826 57

## CHARLES M. GOWING'S ACCOUNT AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for dry goods, . . . . .	\$15 73
for clothing, . . . . .	9 93
for shoes, . . . . .	8 35
for hardware, . . . . .	4 22
for seed potatoes and potash, . . . . .	5 15
for provisions, . . . . .	10 98
for medicines, . . . . .	19 23
for repairs on clock, . . . . .	1 00
for seating chairs, . . . . .	65
for fruit, . . . . .	3 50
for pickles, . . . . .	2 40
for shoeing horse, . . . . .	85
for cider, . . . . .	3 45
for filing saws, . . . . .	85
for butchering hogs, . . . . .	2 50
for two pigs, . . . . .	8 00
for one cow, . . . . .	40 00
for fish, . . . . .	13 60
for car-fare and horse-feed, . . . . .	3 00
for labor at the almshouse, . . . . .	42 50
for paint and painting, . . . . .	11 80

Paid for whitening, . . . . .	\$8 00
for wall paper, . . . . .	7 10
for hanging paper, . . . . .	3 14
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	\$225 93

## OUTSIDE POOR SUPPLIED.

Paid E. M. Nichols, for coffin and plate for the burial of the wife of Joseph White, . . .	\$11 00
E. M. Nichols, for removing insane man from Wilmington to Woburn, . . . . .	2 00
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	\$13 00

## RECEIPTS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Received for butter, . . . . .	\$67 75
for meat, . . . . .	13 95
for cow, . . . . .	31 00
for two calves, . . . . .	17 00
for hay, . . . . .	9 00
for produce, . . . . .	10 50
for eggs, . . . . .	2 00
for labor, . . . . .	5 00
for lard, . . . . .	3 60
for wood, . . . . .	14 00
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	\$173 80

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Total expense at the almshouse, . . . . .	\$1,052 50
Receipts, . . . . .	173 80
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Net expense at the almshouse, . . . . .	\$878 70
Expense outside, . . . . .	13 00
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Net expense of poor inside and outside of the alms- house, . . . . .	\$891 70

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
OTIS C. BUCK,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

REPORT OF THE FISH WARDENS.

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The undersigned, Fish Wardens of this town, respectfully report :

That, on the 14th of May, 1881, twenty-two alewives were put into Maple Meadow Brook, and on the twenty-fourth of May, thirty-nine alewives were placed in Silver Lake. It was then supposed that the young of these thirty-nine would be able to reach Lubber's Brook and find their way to salt water. But the pond was so low, last year, that this proved impossible, and it may be that some, or that all, of the young fish spawned there have died. Mr. Brackett, one of the State Commissioners, has promised to inspect the artificial channel, which is the sole outlet, and determine whether it will be worth while for the State to deepen it, so as to secure an available passage when the pond is low. This he will do in April next. It is our expectation to stock Lubber's Brook during the coming season, and it is our hope that Silver Lake may yet prove a practicable breeding ground.

Our attention has been directed to the *European Carp*, — a fish commended by the highest authorities as especially suited to sluggish and warm waters. A large number of these have been deposited in a neighboring reservoir. We have endeavored to obtain a supply, and hope to succeed.

We have no expenses to report.

HENRY SHELDON,  
THOMAS P. EAMES,  
DANIEL P. NOYES,

*Fish Wardens.*

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The donations to the library have been as follows :—

Public Documents from Washington, D. C.,	19 vols.
From Mrs. Noyes, . . . . .	7 “
Mrs. Susan Bancroft, . . . . .	1 “
Total number of donations, . . . . .	27 “
Number of books purchased, . . . . .	80 “
of books for circulation, . . . . .	977 “
of books taken out during the year, . . . . .	1923 “
of persons taking out books, . . . . .	240

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### *Receipts.*

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1881, . . . . .	\$30 08
Received of Town Treas., appropriation for 1881, . . . . .	100 00
for fines, . . . . .	73
	\$130 81

#### *Payments.*

Paid Henry D. Noyes & Co., for books, . . . . .	\$92 92
Express on books, . . . . .	1 05
Expense incurred purchasing book, . . . . .	2 00
Life of Pres. Garfield, . . . . .	1 50
Papers relating to the death of Pres. Garfield, . . . . .	75
Covering and repairing books, . . . . .	6 00
Paper, . . . . .	48
Journal of Chemistry, 1 year, . . . . .	1 00
Librarian's salary, . . . . .	25 00
Cash to balance, . . . . .	11
	\$130 81

ARTHUR O. BUCK,

*Treasurer and Librarian.*



A CONDENSED ABSTRACT FROM THE TOWN'S BOOKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1882.

C. L. CARTER, *Treasurer.*

*Dr.*

PER CONTRA.

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To balance on hand on former settlement,	\$919 05	By cash paid town orders,	\$1,824 13
cash received of county treasurer, dog licenses,	108 83	" " for schools—High,	544 45
" " on account of taxes 1878 and 1879,	633 62	" " " Centre,	365 10
" " " 1880,	1,260 54	" " " South,	301 48
" " " 1881,	5,651 46	" " " East,	220 55
" for town's note issued,	2,500 00	" " " North,	304 35
" " cemetery lots,	6 00	" " " West,	142 75
" from estate of S. B. Nichols,	117 45	" returned to Commonwealth on corporation	
" for pedlers' licenses,	6 00	tax,	3 94
" from the Commonwealth, corporation tax,	42 04	" paid for interest,	308 18
" " national bank tax,	127 52	" " appropriation for library,	100 00
" " State aid,	188 00	" " county tax,	226 13
" " school fund,	215 05	" " state tax,	450 00
" " relief of indigent		" " town's note,	2,500 00
soldiers,	28 50	" " books,	48 39
" for use of town hall,	5 00	Balance carried forward to new account,	1,522 47
" " book account,	46 79		
" from Centre School, old material,	1 37		
" " tomb, old material,	2 70		
" " almshouse, old material,	2 00		
1882. Feb. To bal. of cash in treasury bro't forward,	\$11,861 92		
	1,522 47		
			\$11,861 92

The undersigned, a Committee chosen on the part of the town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly cast and properly vouched for, and they find remaining in the treasury fifteen hundred and twenty-two dollars and forty-seven cents.

LEMUEL C. EAMES,  
WARREN EAMES,  
CHAS. W. SWAIN,

WILMINGTON, Feb. 11, 1882.

**Auditors:**

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

### LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note due Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1876, . . .	\$2,000 00
L. C. Eames, May 1, 1876, . . .	750 00
Otis C. Buck, May 1, 1876, . . .	500 00
A. M. Eames, trustee, May 1, 1876, . . .	119 47
Darius Buck, Oct. 1, 1876, . . .	1,100 00
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	\$4,469 47
Interest on above, . . . . .	209 45
Due Schools—High, . . . . .	\$273 62
North, . . . . .	13 09
East, . . . . .	70 01
West, . . . . .	234 71
Centre, . . . . .	6 17
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	597 60
Burnap Library Fund, . . . . .	100 00
Outstanding town orders, . . . . .	277 13
Due to town officer, . . . . .	10 00
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	\$5,663 65

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, . . . . .	\$1,522 47
Due on taxes 1877, '78 and '79, . . .	69 44
Due on taxes 1880, . . . . .	453 92
Due on taxes 1881, . . . . .	2,173 91
Due from Commonwealth acc't State aid, . . .	196 00
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	4,415 74
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Net indebtedness of the town, . . . . .	\$1,247 91

## STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1881.

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Date of Birth.
1	Edward Page.	Edward A. Page. Adeline Page.	January 20.
2	Maud L. Blaisdell.	Walter Blaisdell. Hattie L. Blaisdell.	February 10.
3	Alice E. Cole.	Samuel F. Cole. Mary E. Cole.	March 27.
4	Joseph A. Doucette.	Joseph Doucette. Ann S. Doucette.	May 1.
5	John J. Doucette.	Casamire Doucette. Julia Doucette.	May 13.
6	Milton H. Fortis.	James M. Fortis. Susie H. Fortis.	June 16.
7	Katie J. Kellett.	James Kellett. Ida M. Kellett.	June 22.
8	Florence G. Mason.	Henry A. Mason. Malissa A. Mason.	July 10.
9	Lewis Holt.	Martin F. Holt. Ella L. Holt.	July 16.
10	Helen G. Taylor.	Henry A. Taylor. Inez J. Taylor.	July 22.
11	Alice M. Doucette.	Jeremiah Doucette. Domitille Doucette.	July 25.
12	Wesley D. Eames.	George T. Eames. Lucy E. Eames.	July 31
13	Leona Irene Taylor.	Wm. E. Taylor. Hattie J. Taylor.	August 7.
14	Not named.	Warren Eames. Elizabeth A. Eames.	September 13.
15	Harold B. Buck.	Edward Buck. M. Emma Buck.	November 16
16	Mary P. Reed.	Charles F. Reed. Christina Reed.	November 26.
17	Minnie R. Bovine	Munday Bovine. M. Emily Bovine.	December 20.
18	Mary A. McMahon.	Thomas McMahon. Isabella McMahon.	December 21.
19	Aggie L. White.	Joseph White. Madline M. White.	December 24.
20	Annie Kernon.	James Kernon. Mary Kernon.	December 28.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1881.

Number.	Date of Death.	NAME OF DECEASED.	Age.	Condition.	Place of Birth.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	Disease or Cause of Death.
	<b>1881.</b>		<b>Y.</b>				
1	Jan. 2,	Levi Swain.	83 11 1	Widower.	Tewksbury.	Walter and Abigail Swain.	Old Age.
2	Jan. 14,	Esther B. Cutting.	57 9 8	Widow.	Wilmington.	Edward and Mary C. Beard.	Cancer.
3	Jan. 17.	Wm. W. Pickering.	71 3 11	Married.	Quincy.	— and Eliza W. Pickering.	Paralysis.
4	Feb. 5,	Susan J. Prescott.	37 8 0	Married.	Weston.	Joseph A. and Susan D. Cheney.	Consumption.
5	Feb. 18,	Clarisa Reed.	86 0 0	Single.	Wilmington.	Unknown.	Dropsy.
6	Mar. 11,	Warren M. Parker.	35 4 0	Single.	Wilmington.	Ward and Eliza F. Parker.	Cong. of Kidneys.
7	April 9,	Edward Page.	0 2 21	Single.	Wilmington.	Edward A. and Adeline G. Page.	Heart Disease.
8	May 2,	Sarah F. Blaisdell.	0 9 0	Single.	Woburn.	Charles O. and Sarah L. Blaisdell.	Pneumonia.
9	May 8,	Sabra Carter.	92 2 1	Widow.	Wilmington.	Samuel and Ruth Jacques.	Old Age.
10	June 17,	Hannah Bancroft.	60 1 15	Married.	Highgate, Vt.	David and Betsey Boyce.	Suicide.
11	Sept. 11,	Timothy J. Carter.	63 11 26	Married.	Wilmington.	Timothy and Sabra Carter.	Erysipelas.
12	Sept. 13,	Not named.	Stillborn.		Wilmington.	Warren and Elizabeth A. Eames.	Stillborn.
13	Oct. 10,	Myron Eames.	25 11 10	Single.	Wilmington.	Lemuel C. and Catharine E. Eames.	Consumption.
14	Oct. 10,	Milton H. Fortis.	0 3 26	Single.	Wilmington.	James M. and Susan H. Fortis.	Enteritis.
15	Nov. 9,	William Blanchard.	79 3 23	Widower.	Wilmington.	William and Elizabeth Blanchard.	Consumption.
16	Dec. 28,	Nancy B. Howard.	21 0 0	Married.	Flaverhill.	Andrew T. and Martha Shaw.	Small-pox.
17	Dec. 29,	Cadwalader Morrill.	85 2 29	Widower.	Wilmington.	Nathaniel and Hannah Morrill.	Pneumonia.
18	Dec. 29,	Elsie A. Murray.	73 2 21	Widow.	Bow, N. H.	Not known.	Heart Disease.



## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1881.

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Number.	Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.
1	Jan. 22,	Edward F. Fortis.	23	Wilmington.	Currier.	Wilmington.	Wm. H. and Mary A. Fortis.
2	Feb. 5.	Ida M. Philbrick.	18	Wilmington.	Currier.	Boston.	Joseph S. and Emily Philbrick.
3	Feb. 26,	Monday Bovine.	21	Wilmington.	Currier.	Nova Scotia.	Oliver and Julia Bovine.
4	April 26,	Emily Muse.	18	Wilmington.	Currier.	Nova Scotia.	Christopher and Rose W. Muse.
5	June 8,	James Kallett.	28	Wilmington.	Currier.	Ireland.	Patrick and Catherine Kallett.
6	June 8,	Ida M. Travis.	22	Wilmington.	Machinist.	No. Reading.	Nathan and Nancy Travis.
7	July 3,	Arthur W. Lewis.	23	Woburn.	Bank Teller.	Reading.	Gilman and Clementine Lewis.
8	Aug. 14,	Harriett G. Swain.	23	Wilmington.	Bank Teller.	Wilmington.	Charles W. and Henrietta Swain.
9	Aug. 12,	Frank E. Barnes.	26	Somerville.	Bank Teller.	Chelsea.	John E. and Hannah E. Barnes.
10	Sept. 17,	Almira F. Noyes.	22	Wilmington.	Leather Splitter.	Somerville.	John O. and Harriet J. Noyes.
		Wm. J. Howard.	21	Wilmington.	Leather Splitter.	Millford, N. H.	Joseph and Harriet A. Howard.
		Annie B. Shaw.	21	Danielsonville, Ct.	Leather Splitter.	Haverhill.	Andrew F. and Martha Shaw.
		James E. Kelley.	28	Wilmington.	Farmer.	Wilmington.	Daniel and Mary Kelley.
		Mary J. Martin.	26	Woburn.	Farmer.	Woburn.	Daniel and Anjudith Muse.
		Timothy Muse.	24	Wilmington.	Farmer.	Nova Scotia.	Isaac and Roselary Muse.
		Maggie Muse.	35	Wilmington.	Farmer.	Nova Scotia.	John and Roselary Muse.
		Charles H. Pearson.	24	Wilmington.	Tanner.	Wilmington.	Henry E. and Martha Pearson.
		Eliza Messer.	24	Andover.		Scotland.	Alexander and Jane Messer.
		Amos Bovine.	25	Wilmington.		Nova Scotia.	Michel and Sophronia Bovine.
		Judith Muse.	21	Wilmington.		Nova Scotia.	Christopher and Rose Muse.



# SCHOOL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON.



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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To the citizens of Wilmington the following brief report is presented by the School Committee:—

At the beginning of the year, the services of most of our former teachers were secured, and some of these have taught the entire year, among which number are Miss Taylor of the South district, and Mrs. Lizzie J. Carter of the West, who still continues to hold the school at her house during the forenoons, as the number of pupils in that district is very small.

Also, the High School has been under the efficient management of Miss Twitchell. The number of those who completed the course of study was seven:—Nellie L. Buck, Laura S. Buck, Lula L. Eames, Nellie B. Eames, Willie C. Buck, Joseph W. Kelley and J. Frederic Walsh. It is thought best that the present senior class remain in the school another year in order to complete the prescribed course of study, and allow only those to enter the next fall who are qualified to be admitted into the present junior class.

In the East district, Miss Converse taught the spring term, but upon her resignation in the summer, it was given to Miss Ida Perry. The winter term, after being in session but three weeks, was obliged to be discontinued on account of sickness in that part of the town.

In the Centre district, Miss Nellie C. Bancroft began the spring term, but owing to ill health resigned her school after teaching but three weeks, and Miss Louise Brown, of Woburn, finished the term. Miss Carrie F. Buck has taught through the fall and winter.

Miss Jessie Waters has had the charge of the North school for the entire year.

We have supplied a few of the wants of our schools, among which are some maps for the High and Centre, also new dictionaries, and stands for holding the musical charts that were purchased last year, and which could not be conveniently used without something of the kind. There is still a need of more maps and other apparatus as necessary helps in teaching.

We have made but one change in the text books, that of the Arithmetics, and this we feel sure has been for the better.

Owing to sickness in the town during the winter, the attendance has not been as good as usual in most of the schools, but it is hoped the scholars will come prepared to make good the time lost, at the opening of the next term.

We are assured that the teachers have been faithful and zealous in the performance of their duties, and we sincerely hope to see that hearty co-operation on the part of all, with the teachers, which alone will insure the highest and best welfare of the schools.

ARTHUR O. BUCK,  
WARREN EAMES,  
SHELDON SARGENT,

*School Committee.*

WILMINGTON, Feb. 14, 1882.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Terms.	Number of Scholars.	Average attend- ance.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number between 8 and 14 yrs.	Number not ab- sent or tardy.	Length of Term.	Salary per month.
High, .	Miss Salome G. Twitchell,	Spring,	26	23 $\frac{2}{3}$	-	14	6	1	3 months.	\$48 00
" .	" "	Fall, .	25	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	9	7	8	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	48 00
" .	" "	Winter,	24	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	12	7	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	48 00
North, .	Miss Jessie Waters,	Spring,	34	29 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	-	24	2	3 "	32 00
" .	" "	Fall, .	33	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	2	24	2	3 "	32 00
" .	" "	Winter,	34	21	-	2	24	3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	32 00
East, .	Miss Lottie E. Converse,	Spring,	15	12	-	-	13	2	3 "	32 00
" .	Miss H. Ida Perry,	Fall, .	12	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	9	3	3 "	32 00
" .	" "	Winter,	12	11 $\frac{7}{10}$	-	-	9	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	32 00
Centre, .	Miss Nellie C. Bancroft,	Spring,	34	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	20	2	3 "	32 00
" .	Miss Louise Brown,	Fall, .	29	20	-	-	19	1	3 "	32 00
" .	Miss Carrie F. Buck,	Winter,	24	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	-	-	17	0	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	32 00
South, .	Miss Brazillia Taylor,	Spring,	31	25 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	-	19	10	3 "	32 00
" .	" "	Fall, .	31	26 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	-	23	3	3 "	32 00
" .	" "	Winter,	29	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	24	3	2 "	32 00
West, .	Mrs. Lizzie J. Carter,	Spring,	6	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	-	5	0	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	16 00
" .	" "	Fall, .	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	5	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	16 00
" .	" "	Winter,	5	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	-	-	4	0	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	16 00



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

MIDDLESEX, ss.

*To Edward M. Nichols, Constable of the Town of Wilmington, Greeting :*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the town house, on Monday the sixth day of March next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at twelve o'clock M., to act on the following articles, viz. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the report of committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to defray annual expenses and pay town debts.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the select school for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways, and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the public library for the year ensuing.

ART. 10. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer

to borrow money in anticipation of taxes under the direction of the selectmen, the money to be paid out of this year's taxes.

ART. 12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? Yes or no.

ART. 13. To see if the town will adopt any measure for furnishing fuel for the town house and the several schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended in improving the grounds of the cemetery, and if so, to give instructions for its expenditure.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in relation to section No. 4 of Mrs. Sabra Carter's will relating to the town of Wilmington.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to continue the grading of the new road from nearly opposite of Maynard Spaulding's house towards the flagstaff, and determine how said sum of money shall be expended, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the removal of the West school house to a point in the Centre district between Otis Jaquith's and Stephen Buck's house, or near the Lowell depot, and thereby unite the West and Centre schools, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for a well and public watering trough near the junction of the Woburn and Reading road opposite the house occupied by John W. Perry, in the South district, or do anything in relation to the same.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February, A.D. eighteen hundred and eighty two.

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
OTIS C. BUCK,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Selectmen of Wilmington.*



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,  
FROM  
FEBRUARY 1, 1882, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1883;  
AND  
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1882-83;  
AND ALSO THE  
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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BOSTON :  
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING COMPANY,  
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1883.





## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1882.

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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

EDWARD A. CARTER, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

NATHAN B. EAMES.

Town Clerk.

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

Town Treasurer.

*Cyrus L. Carter having deceased, the Selectmen appointed Frank L. Eames to fill the vacancy.*

School Committee.

CHARLES W. SWAIN,	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1885.
CHARLES F. REED,	.	.	.	" " " 1884.
ARTHUR O. BUCK,	.	.	.	" " " 1883.

Trustees of Public Library.

WARREN EAMES,	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1885.
DANIEL P. NOYES,	.	.	.	" " " 1885.
LEVI SWAIN,	.	.	.	" " " 1884.
CHARLES W. SWAIN,	.	.	.	" " " 1884.
ARTHUR O. BUCK,	.	.	.	" " " 1883.
OTIS GOWING,	.	.	.	" " " 1883.

Treasurer and Librarian of Public Library.

ARTHUR O. BUCK.

Collector of Taxes.

DARIUS BUCK.

Constable.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

Auditors of Accounts.

LEMUEL C. EAMES.

OTHNIEL EAMES.

WM. J. HOWARD.

Fence Viewers.

HENRY SHELDON.

HORACE SHELDON.

OTHNIEL EAMES.

Scaler of Weights and Measures.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

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Surveyors of Lumber.

SILAS BROWN. HENRY SHELDON. GEO. W. HORTON.  
EDWARD A. CARTER. EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

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Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HENRY B. NICHOLS. Z. T. WHITE. HENRY SHELDON.  
THOMAS A. BANCROFT. ASA POTTER.  
EDWARD A. CARTER.

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Public Weighers of Merchandise.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS for the Centre.  
W. WARREN CARTER for North part of the Town.

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Field Drivers.

EVERELL HARNDEN. MYRON E. BUCK. JOHN BAILEY.  
GEORGE MILLIGAN. GEO. T. EAMES.

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Pound Keeper.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

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Surveyors of Highways.

DISTRICT No. 1,	.	.	.	HENRY B. NICHOLS.
" No. 2,	.	.	.	WILLIAM H. CARTER, 2d.
" No. 3,	.	.	.	FREDERICK S. WHITE.
" No. 4,	.	.	.	H. ALLEN SHELDON.
" No. 5,	.	.	.	HENRY BUCK.
" No. 6,	.	.	.	ELBRIDGE TAYLOR.
" No. 7,	.	.	.	CHARLES HOPKINS.
" No. 8,	.	.	.	WALTER CARTER.
" No. 9,	.	.	.	BENJ. F. PERRY.
" No. 10,	.	.	.	WM. H. BOUTWELL.
" No. 11,	.	.	.	LEVI F. MANNING.
" No. 12,	.	.	.	CHARLES F. HARRIS.
" No. 13,	.	.	.	LEVI SWAIN.

**Fish Wardens.**

THOMAS P. EAMES,	.	.	Term expires in March, 1885.
HENRY SHELDON,	.	.	" " " 1884.
DANIEL P. NOYES,	.	.	" " " 1883.

**Cemetery Committee.**

CYRUS L. CARTER,	.	.	Term expires March, 1885.
THOMAS P. EAMES,	.	.	" " " 1884.
HENRY SHELDON,	.	.	" " " 1883.

**Measurer of Leather.**

WILLIAM J. HOWARD.

**Superintendent of Almshouse.**

CHARLES M. GOWING.

**Superintendent of Cemetery.**

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

**List of Jurors Revised October 26, 1882.**

OTIS C. BUCK.	WM. H. CARTER, 2d.
EDWARD BUCK.	WARREN EAMES.
JOHN W. PERRY.	JAMES E. KELLEY.
GEORGE W. SIDELINKER.	FRED. M. CARTER.
GEORGE T. EAMES.	HENRY L. BANCROFT.
ASA POTTER.	FRANK L. EAMES.
LEVI SWAIN.	JONATHAN H. BUCK.

Paid County Treasurer \$123.60 on account of Dog Licenses in 1882.

WM. H. CARTER, *Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

### EXPENSE OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward A. Carter for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	\$150 00
William H. Carter for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	100 00
Nathan B. Eames for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	100 00
William H. Carter for services as Town Clerk,	15 00
Cyrus L. Carter for services as Town Treas- urer, . . . . .	26 00
Frank L. Eames for services as Town Treas- urer, . . . . .	50 00
Darius Buck for services as Collector of Taxes,	110 00
Edward M. Nichols for services as Constable,	25 00
Arthur O. Buck for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	30 00
Charles W. Swain for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	25 00
Charles F. Reed for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	10 00
Sheldon Sargent for services as School Com- mittee for the year 1881, . . . . .	10 00
Lemuel C. Eames, Warren Eames and Charles W. Swain for services as Auditing Commit- tee, . . . . .	6 00
Othniel Eames for services as Moderator, .	3 00
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	\$660 00

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The amount expended by the several surveyors, viz. :—

District No. 1.	Paid H. B. Nichols, . . . .	\$115 11
2.	“ William H. Carter, 2d, . . . .	98 09
3.	“ Frederick S. White, . . . .	136 11
4.	“ H. A. Sheldon, . . . .	123 58
5.	“ Henry Buck, . . . .	130 80
6.	“ Elbridge Taylor, . . . .	82 13
7.	“ Charles Hopkins, . . . .	79 02
8.	“ Walter D. Carter, . . . .	90 70
9.	“ B. F. Perry, . . . .	104 75
10.	“ William H. Boutwell, . . . .	86 53
11.	“ Levi F. Manning, . . . .	81 87
12.	“ C. F. Harris, . . . .	103 52
13.	“ Levi Swain, . . . .	74 62
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		\$1,306 83

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Othniel Eames for housing road-scraper two years, . . . . .	\$4 00
Henry Buck for blasting and drawing stone, . . . .	20 88
N. B. Eames for removing fence and grading road, . . . . .	15 00
James Hale for blasting stone, . . . .	19 58
Henry Buck for labor on culvert, . . . .	2 50
James Hale for laying over culverts, . . . .	27 50
J. A. Ames' Estate for powder and fuse, . . . .	1 77
N. B. Eames for labor and material on roads and bridges, . . . . .	13 63
H. A. Sheldon for labor on road near the cemetery, . . . . .	33 33
Levi Swain for labor on road, . . . .	3 02
E. A. Carter for labor and material on roads and bridges, . . . . .	7 00
George L. Perry for sharpening drills, . . . .	3 91
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	\$152 12



## REPAIRING NEW ROAD.

Paid Frederick S. White for repairing the new road leading from Maynard Spaulding's house to the flag-staff, . . . . .	\$200 00
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## REMOVING SNOW.

District No. 1, . . . . .	\$39 33
2, . . . . .	14 59
3, . . . . .	41 43
4, . . . . .	35 51
5, . . . . .	22 21
6, . . . . .	24 17
7, . . . . .	24 02
8, . . . . .	35 75
9, . . . . .	26 43
10, . . . . .	19 17
11, . . . . .	46 83
12, . . . . .	33 66
13, . . . . .	46 50
	<hr/> \$409 60

## REPAIRS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Paid D. F. Perkins for varnishing at the North school-house and town house, . . .	\$5 00
stock furnished, . . . . .	3 50
E. A. Carter for labor on sealer's office and West school-house, . . . . .	5 00
Henry Buck for labor on sealer's office and North and South school-houses, .	13 15
James Hale for blasting stone around the pump at the North school-house, . .	8 75
N. B. Eames for pump box at the North school-house, . . . . .	1 25
N. B. Eames for shingles for sealer's office,	2 00
George W. Horton for labor and material on East school-house and fence, . . .	41 82
J. H. Carter for shingles and lumber for sealer's office, . . . . .	4 67
William H. Carter, 2d, for removing stone at the North school-house, . .	4 00
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## IMPROVING CEMETERY.

Paid Thomas P. Eames for labor on cemetery, . .	\$61 00
“ “ for removing stumps, . .	8 00
“ “ for nails, board and stone for fence, . . . .	1 00
R. L. Folkins for labor on cemetery fence, . .	11 25
Thomas A. Bancroft for labor on cemetery, . .	21 67
Walter D. Carter for labor on cemetery, . .	35 00
Otis Carter for labor on cemetery, . .	14 17
James Kernon for labor on cemetery, . .	29 30
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	\$181 39

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Mark Allen for printing town reports, . .	\$34 72
Bernard Bobine for cleaning town house, . .	2 10
Houghton Allen for body preserver, . .	25 00
Mark Allen for printing assessors' notices, . .	3 00
W. J. S. Marsh for street lamps, . . . .	9 00
C. F. Harris for police duty two days, . .	4 00
Thomas A. Bancroft for police duty, . .	2 00
E. M. Nichols for care of cemetery, . .	15 00
“ “ for care of town house, . .	15 00
“ “ for ringing bell, . . . .	5 00
“ “ for returning 23 deaths to the town clerk, . . . .	5 00
Henry Buck for making and lettering guide boards, . . . . .	4 25
James Hale for labor on tomb, . . . .	5 00
William H. Carter collecting and making re- turn to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of—11 births, . . . . .	5 50
23 deaths, . . . . .	6 90
6 marriages, . . . . .	60
William H. Carter for journey to Reading, to qualify Representative, . . . .	2 00
William H. Carter for postage, express matter and stationery, . . . . .	5 84
E. A. Carter for three dippers and chains, . .	70

Paid E. A. Carter for postage, express, stationery and car fare, . . . . .	\$4 53
N. B. Eames for two casks of cement, . . . .	3 55
.. .. for raising and lowering the flag- staff, . . . . .	3 00
J. A. Ames' Estate for shovel for undertaker, .	1 00
Levi Swain for police duty, . . . . .	2 00
Darius Buck for printing tax bills, . . . .	3 25
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	\$167 94

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THEIR LAST ANNUAL MEETING,  
VIZ. :

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED.	AMOUNT EXPENDED.
For town officers, . . . \$600 00	For town officers, . . . \$660 00
roads and bridges, . . 200 00	roads and bridges, . . 152 12
State aid, . . . . 300 00	State aid, . . . . 342 00
interest on town notes, . . . . 375 00	interest on town notes, . . . . 265 72
repairs of public buildings, . . . 150 00	repairs of public buildings, . . . 89 14
miscellaneous expenses, 175 00	miscellaneous expen- ses, . . . . 167 94
common schools, . . 800 00	common schools, . . 1,392 75
select school, . . . 550 00	select school, . . . 571 85
support of poor, . . 1,200 00	support of poor, . . 1,011 88
support of highways, 1,300 00	support of highways, 1,306 83
removing snow, . . 500 00	removing snow, . . 409 60
improving cemetery, . 200 00	improving cemetery, . 181 39
grading new road, . . 200 00	grading new road, . . 200 00
to pay town debts, . . 200 00	support of public library, . . . . 95 93
support of public library, . . . . 123 26	services of moderator, 3 00
services of moderator, 3 00	
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\$6,876 26	\$6,850 15

STATE AID.

Paid Widow Mary A. Phelps, . . . . .	\$48 00
Phebe N. Simpson, . . . . .	48 00
Rachael Clough, . . . . .	48 00
Harriet Young, . . . . .	20 00
Mary Ann Chapman, . . . . .	20 00
Frank M. Boynton, . . . . .	120 00
Merrill Hutchinson, . . . . .	10 00
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	\$342 00

## BOOK ACCOUNT OF WARREN EAMES.

*Dr.*

To amount on hand, . . . . .	\$85 39
Cash paid Boston School Supply Co., . . . .	39 08
Cash paid Thompson, Brown & Co., . . . .	6 48
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	\$130 95

To books on hand February 1, 1883, . . . .	\$73 48
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By books on hand February, 1883, . . . .	\$73 48
books furnished indigent children, . . . .	4 73
commission, . . . . .	8 00
cash to balance, . . . . .	44 74
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	\$130 95

## VALUATION FOR 1882.

Real Estate, . . . . .	\$492,202 00
Personal Estate, . . . . .	69,431 00

Total valuation, . . . . .	\$561,633 00
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Amount of taxes assessed in 1882, . . . .	\$7,824 94
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Rate of taxation for general Tax, \$13.00 per \$1,000.

## ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

For 1878, Darius Buck, Collector, . . . .	\$10 11
1879, Darius Buck, Collector, . . . .	9 68
1880, Darius Buck, Collector, . . . .	74 58
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	\$94 37

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm, . . . . .	\$4,000 00
Personal property at town farm, . . . . .	1,116 00
Eldad Butters' place, . . . . .	75 00
Town house, . . . . .	1,800 00
School-houses and furniture, . . . . .	6,800 00
Town scales and sealer's office, . . . . .	250 00
Two hearses, . . . . .	375 00
Cemetery land and lots, . . . . .	400 00
Furniture in town hall and selectmen's office, . . . . .	100 00
Public library and furniture, . . . . .	1,000 00
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	\$15,916 65

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
WILLIAM H. CARTER,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Selectmen and Assessors of Wilmington.*



## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Registered Number.	NAMES.	Age.	REMARKS
3	Louisa Burr,	78	
7	Fanny Butters,	42	
8	Albert Carter,	63	
12	Elbridge Butters,	77	
22	Charlotte Butters,	40	
43	Eldad Butters,	71	
42	Mary Butters,	66	

Whole number during the year, . . . . . 8

Present number, . . . . . 7

Thirty-six lodgings and two hundred meals have been furnished to vagrants.

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, FEBRUARY 1, 1883.

Live stock, . . . . .	\$196 25
Farming tools, etc., . . . . .	385 25
Provisions, etc., . . . . .	115 05
Wood and lumber, . . . . .	73 00
Household furniture, . . . . .	340 60
Contents of lobby, . . . . .	6 50
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	\$1,116 65

## EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid J. A. Ames' Estate for groceries and grain, .	\$149 60
John Perry for blacksmith work, . . . .	8 85
C. M. Gowing, salary one year, . . . .	300 00
Jonathan Carter for groceries and grain, .	232 72
Arthur O. Buck for meat, . . . .	49 61
A. S. Cobb for fish, . . . .	17 74
George E. Carter for meat, . . . .	34 00
N. B. Eames for coal, . . . .	11 63
J. R. Currier for crackers, . . . .	52 20
Noah Jenkins for labor and material repairing pump and water pipes, . . . .	11 43
Benjamin Swain for watching fire, . . .	2 00
D. F. Perkins for painting, . . . .	3 38
Charles W. Swain for watching fire, . . .	2 00
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	\$875 16

## CHARLES M. GOWING'S ACCOUNT AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for curing hams, . . . . .	\$3 00
for dry goods, . . . . .	6 88
for wall paper, . . . . .	2 75
for leather and blacking, . . . . .	1 20
for potash, . . . . .	2 00
for two pigs, . . . . .	10 00
for shoes, . . . . .	5 25
for horse-feed, . . . . .	2 00
for two rakes, . . . . .	75
for fruit, . . . . .	4 85
for medicines, . . . . .	2 00
for making cider, . . . . .	2 58
for two casks, . . . . .	2 00
for clothing, . . . . .	12 37
for ice, . . . . .	1 25
for butchering, . . . . .	3 00
for use of bull, . . . . .	3 75
for labor at the almshouse, . . . . .	36 00
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	\$101 63

## OUTSIDE POOR SUPPLIED.

Paid the Town of Woburn for aid rendered B. F. Upton, . . . . .	\$4 69
the City of Boston for aid rendered Frank F. Abbot, . . . . .	3 00
J. O. Dow for medical attendance on Henry Stickney, . . . . .	12 50
J. O. Dow for medical attendance on Mary White and vaccinating sixteen children, . . . . .	8 50
E. A. Carter for expense incurred on pauper business, . . . . .	3 20
William H. Carter for expense incurred on pauper business, . . . . .	3 20
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	\$35 09

## RECEIPTS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Received for heifer, . . . . .	\$17 00
for two calves, . . . . .	18 48
for potatoes, . . . . .	41 00
for apples and cider, . . . . .	20 00
for cranberries, . . . . .	39 75
for pork, . . . . .	5 49
for butter and milk, . . . . .	120 78
for wood, . . . . .	6 80
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	\$269 30

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Total expense at the almshouse, . . . . .	\$976 79
Receipts, . . . . .	269 30
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Net expense at the almshouse, . . . . .	\$707 49
Expense outside, . . . . .	35 09
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Net expense of poor inside and outside of the almshouse, . . . . .	\$742 58

EDWARD A. CARTER,

WILLIAM H. CARTER,

NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

## FISH WARDEN'S REPORT.

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Two years ago, alewives were put into Silver Lake, under the impression that an available outlet existed whereby their young fry could reach the sea; but the pond proved lower than usual, that summer, so that its water could not flow. As this channel is artificial, the undersigned did not feel authorized to deepen it; they arranged for a meeting, however, with the Fish Commissioners, for the purpose of determining whether anything could be done; but, for some unknown reason, this appointment failed, and the young alewives, which had appeared in great numbers, are supposed to have perished.

Alewives were placed at the same time in Maple Meadow Brook, and their progeny may be expected to make an appearance next year.

Next May it will be three years since black bass were put into Silver Lake. Next year the Fish Commissioners will doubtless permit fishing on a limited number of specified days; of this due notice will be given. We have no knowledge respecting the number of this fish now in the pond; unknown causes may possibly have interfered with the success of the town's experiment, but we know of no reason why it should not prove an entire success.

Great thoughtlessness, or else hostility, has been manifested by unknown parties, who have removed notices of the prohibition of fishing, put up by the wardens; moreover, we have reason to suspect that some fishing has taken place. We

call upon all good citizens to aid in warning off, or, if it becomes necessary, in detecting trespassers.

We regard the restoration of the alewives of greater real value to the town than the introduction of the black bass. This, we trust, has been accomplished in one, at least, of our two principal brooks, and we expect to make it sure in the other also.

We are not without the hope of likewise securing, before long, the *European Carp*. This fish has been a favorite for centuries in England and on the Continent; it thrives best in warm and sluggish waters, grows to a large size, and is said to be excellent eating.

In conclusion we wish to say, that this town is engaged in an endeavor to promote the advantage and the pleasure of all its citizens, and of their friends who come to visit them; it has a just claim on the sympathy, and the active and watchful co-operation, of all the citizens, and also of all strangers who are persons of sufficient public spirit to be interested in a praiseworthy enterprise.

DANIEL P. NOYES,  
THOMAS P. EAMES,  
HENRY SHELDON,

*Fish Wardens.*



## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The donations to the library have been as follows :—

Public documents from Washington, D. C.,	21 vols.
From Mrs. Noyes, . . . . .	12 “
Total number of donations . . . . .	33 “
Number of books purchased, . . . . .	58 “
of books for circulation, . . . . .	1035 “
of books taken out during the year, . . . . .	1769 “
of persons taking out books, . . . . .	270

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### *Receipts.*

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$ 11
Received of Town Treas., appropriation for 1882, . . . . .	123 26
for catalogues and fines, . . . . .	2 26
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	\$125 63

#### *Payments.*

Paid Henry D. Noyes & Co., for Books . . . . .	\$65 40
Express on books, . . . . .	20
Paper, . . . . .	70
Repairing and covering, . . . . .	5 50
E. G. Avery, 500 copies regulations, . . . . .	1 50
Librarian's salary, 1882, . . . . .	25 00
Cash to balance. . . . .	27 33
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	\$125 63

ARTHUR O. BUCK,

*Treasurer and Librarian.*

A CONDENSED ABSTRACT FROM THE TOWN'S BOOKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1883.  
F. L. EAMES, *Treasurer pro tem.*

Dr.	CASH.	PER CONTRA.	Cr.
To balance in treasury at former settlement.	\$1,522 47	By cash paid town orders.	\$1,664 80
cash received of county treasurer, dog licenses,	123 26	" " for schools,—	371 85
" " on account of taxes 1877, 1878,		North,	294 28
1879, 1880,	497 39	South,	256 92
" " on account of taxes 1881,	1,720 53	East,	322 59
" " " 1882,	5,682 52	West,	251 86
" " for town notes issued,	700 00	Centre,	272 10
" " cemetery lots,	12 00	returned to the Commonwealth on corpo-	
" " from the Commonwealth, corporation tax,	67 95	ration tax,	5 30
" " national bank		" paid for interest,	265 72
tax,	134 49	" library, dog licenses,	123 26
" " State aid,	192 00	" county tax,	226 13
" " school fund,	214 46	" State tax,	600 00
" " book account,	44 74	" town's notes,	400 00
" " for old material,	10 00	" book account,	45 66
" " cement.	50	balance carried forward to new account,	2,622 44
Feb. 1, 1883.	To bal. of cash in treasury brought forward,		\$10,922 31
			2,622 44

The undersigned, a Committee chosen on the part of the town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly cast and properly vouched for, and they find remaining in the treasury two thousand and six hundred and twenty-two lars and forty-four cents.

OTHUSIEL EAMES,  
WILLIAM J. HOWARD,  
Comptroller.

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury.	\$2,622 44
Due on taxes 1878, 1879 and 1880.	70 51
Due on taxes 1881.	508 45
Due on taxes 1882.	2,157 40
Due on account State aid.	239 00
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	\$5,597 80

### LIABILITIES.

Note due Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1876.	\$2,000 00
L. C. Eames, May 1, 1876.	750 00
Otis Buck, May 1, 1876.	500 00
H. M. Eames, trustee, May 1, 1876.	119 47
Darius Buck, Oct. 1, 1876.	1,100 00
First Religious Society, June 17, 1883.	300 00
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	\$4,769 47
Interest due on above.	176 79
Due schools—High.	251 77
West.	26 24
Burnap library fund.	100 00
Outstanding town orders.	9 49
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	5,333 76
A surplus in favor of the town.	<hr/>
	\$264 04

## STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1882.

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Date of Birth.
1	Mary Coner.	{ Charles M. Coner. Margaret Coner. }	March 25.
2	Stillborn, male.	{ George Snelling. Mary Snelling. }	April 25.
3	Stillborn, female	{ John Kenney. Mary Kenney. }	May 12.
4	Leon Leslie Taylor	{ Willie E. Taylor. Hattie E. Taylor. }	August 23.
5	Susan G. Baxter.	{ James A. Baxter. Nancy Baxter. }	September 9.
6	Mary A Wood.	{ Newall Wood. Mary B Wood. }	September 27.
7	Ethel E. Carter.	{ Edward M. Carter. Belle Carter. }	October 3.
8	Fred M. Carter.	{ Fred M. Carter. Barbara E. Carter. }	October 29.
9	Rodger R. Ward	{ Samuel Ward. Lillie B. Ward. }	November 6.
10	Patrick F. Hoban.	{ John Hoban. Mary G. Hoban. }	November 7.
11	Jennie M. Pearson	{ Charles H. Pearson. Eliza R. Pearson. }	December 11.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1882.

Number.	Date of Death.	NAME OF DECEASED.	Age.	Condition.	Place of Birth.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	Disease or Cause of Death.
<b>1882.</b>							
1	Jan. 6.	Martha Derry.	Y. M. D. 45	Married.	St. John, N. B.	Not known.	Consumption.
2	Jan. 15.	Madeline E. White.	20 8	Married.	Nova Scotia.	Not known.	Consumption.
3	Jan. 19.	Almira Hutchinson	61 2	Single.	Nashua, N. H.	Amos and Rachel Hutchinson.	Consumption.
4	Feb. 8.	Arthur A. Eames.	30 7 16	Single.	Wilmington.	Thomas P. and Elona M. Eames.	Consumption.
5	April 6	Joseph A. Ames.	68 9 4	Married.	Reading.	Joseph and Phebe P. Ames.	Angina Pectoris.
6	April 26.	Harriett G. Lewis.	24 7 5	Widow	Wilmington.	Charles W. & Henrietta A. Swain.	Diphtheria.
7	May 10.	Harriett L. Johnson.	15 5	Single.	No. Reading.	Horatio & Elizabeth A. Johnson.	Bright's Disease of the Kidneys.
8	May 12.	Stillborn.	Stillborn.	Male.	Wilmington.	John and Mary Kenney.	Stillborn.
9	May 20.	Nellie M. Jewett.	28 0 20	Single.	Bath, Me.	George and Sarah H. Jewett.	Phthisis.
10	May 23.	Stephen D. Kenney.	64 6 4	Widower.	BillERICA.	Jethro and Hitta Kenney.	Blood Poison.
11	April 25.	Stillborn.	Stillborn.	Male.	Wilmington.	George and Mary A. Snelling.	Stillborn.
12	June 13.	Mary Slatery.	80	Widow	Ireland.	Not known.	Old Age.
13	July 8.	Mouley Bobine.	10	Male.	Wilmington.	Joseph and Mary Bobine.	Pneumonia
14	Aug. 12.	Sylvester Carter.	81 11 18	Widower.	Wilmington.	Benjamin and Elizabeth Carter.	Paralysis.
15	Aug. 19.	Helen G. Taylor.	1 1 27	Female.	Wilmington.	Henry A. and Inez J. Taylor.	Cholera Infantum.
16	Aug. 19.	Clarence F. Folkins.	2 2 22	Male	Wilmington.	Richard L. and Mary E. Folkins.	Railroad Accident.
17	Sept. 2.	Charles H. Rose.	11 6	Male.	Wilmington.	Charles and Bridget H. Rose.	Diphtheria.
18	Sept. 3.	Catherine Walsh.	32 7 13	Single.	Ireland.	Charles and Elizabeth Walsh.	Bright's Disease of the Kidneys.
19	Sept. 4	Ella E. Clark.	25 5 23	Single.	Glover, Vt.	Amisa F. and Belinda Clark.	Consumption.
20	Sept. 4.	Cyrus L. Carter.	70 10	Married	Wilmington	Henry and Hannah L. Carter.	Uremia.
21	Sept. 30.	Joseph C. Muse.	5	Male.	Wilmington.	Peter and Fanny Muse.	Diphtheria.
22	Oct. 29	Thirza E. Beals	75	Widow.	Wilmington.	Not known.	Burned Seriously.
23	Dec. 1.	Clarisa Sheldon.	84 1 8	Widow.	Wilmington.	Nathan and Susanna Eames.	Cancer.



## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1882.

Number.	Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.
1882.							
1	Feb. 1.	John Muse. Eliza Babine.	23	Wilmington.	Laborer.	Nova Scotia.	Frank and Jane Muse.
2	April 23.	Joseph White. Julia Burk.	23	Wilmington.	Laborer.	Nova Scotia.	Barnard and Margaret Babine. Peter and Elizabeth White.
3	May 17.	William H. Sweatt. Lillie T. Bond.	21 26	Reading Woonsocket, R. I.	Man'r.	Nova Scotia. Woonsocket, R. I.	John and Madlin W. Burk. Enoch G. and Lucy C. Sweatt.
4	June 15.	Frank Harnden. Annie Brown.	27 33	Wilmington. Wilmington.	Farmer.	Wilmington. Taunton	Thomas D. and Olive T. Bond. Albert and Mary Harnden.
5	Oct. 7.	Frederick S. White Rebecca L. Allen	25 49	Taunton, Mass. Wilmington.	Teamster.	Wilmington Wakefield.	James and Eliza W. Brown. Lorenzo and Louisa White.
6	Oct 25.	William H. Haley. Lucy M. Harris.	48 44	Andover, Mass Marblehead.	Merchant	Cambridge, Mass. Deerfield, N. H.	Thaddeus P. and Timna E. Allen. Jesse and Emily M. Haley. Robert and Olive T. Clemons.



SCHOOL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON.



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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To the citizens of Wilmington the following report is presented by the School Committee :—

At the commencement of the year, the services of all our former teachers were secured with one exception, that of the teacher of the North School. Beginning the year thus, with teachers of experience, and in whom the committee had great confidence, we were led to expect the best possible results.

But, although starting so favorably equipped, we have found ourselves from time to time obliged to make changes in several of the schools, owing to resignations or other causes. These changes have to some extent interrupted the progress that might otherwise have been made ; but taken as a whole, we feel assured that our schools will compare favorably with those of former years.

The High School commenced under the charge of Miss Twitchell, who taught with her usual good success the first term, but owing to illness just before the opening of the fall term, we were obliged to secure the services of another teacher.

The committee received an application from Mr. Fred Gowing, of Medford, a graduate of Tufts College, which was favorably received and granted. Mr. Gowing has continued in this school during the fall and winter terms, and under his direction some of the studies have been changed, Latin having been re-introduced into the school. We are glad to report a prosperous condition of the school, both as regards discipline and instruction. There was no graduating class this year, owing to a more strict enforcement of the standard required for graduation.



At the North School, the first two terms were taught by Miss Whittemore, who, by her untiring devotion, gained the love and respect of her pupils, and her resignation at the close of the fall term was deeply regretted by all. Miss Besse, of Tewksbury, was engaged for the winter term, and gave good satisfaction.

In the East district, Miss Ida Perry has taught through the entire year and has proved herself a conscientious teacher, and we think that faithful work has been accomplished.

Miss Carrie F. Buck has had charge of the Centre School through the year, and has been faithful and earnest in the discharge of her duties, and a good degree of progress has been made in this school.

The South School opened under the very efficient management of Miss Taylor, who, for several years, has taught this school with the best of results, and her resignation at the close of the spring term was received with many regrets. Miss Alden, of Medford, was appointed to fill the vacancy; she labored earnestly for the best welfare of the school, and upon her resignation at the end of the fall term, Miss Blan Alexander, of Billerica, was appointed to teach the winter term. Miss Alexander came with the best of recommendations from her former school, and her labors thus far have proved most satisfactory.

The Committee, in consideration of the small attendance in the West district, have continued to hold this school at the house of Mrs. Carter. Until the beginning of the fall term, but one session was held, but as the number of pupils increased it was thought best to hold two sessions daily through the fall and winter. Mrs. Carter has fully sustained her former excellent reputation, and this school has made good progress during the past year. As this school has increased during the year, it is thought best by the Committee to re-open the school-house in the Spring.

The winter term in all our district schools has been very short, owing to the lack of funds to continue them longer. At the last town meeting, it will be remembered, the regular appropriations for district schools alone was reduced from

\$1,000 to \$800, and the dog tax, amounting to some \$120, which has always been added to the school fund, voted to another purpose, thus leaving the school appropriation some \$320 short. It will be readily seen why our winter term has been so brief, and we would therefore recommend a more liberal appropriation in the future, as, in our opinion, the town can better afford to economize in almost any direction, rather than its educational department.

ARTHUR O. BUCK,  
CHARLES F. REED,  
CHARLES W. SWAIN,

*School Committee.*

WILMINGTON, Feb. 1, 1883.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Terms.	Number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Number not absent or tardy.	Length of Term.	Salary per month.
High, .	Miss Salome G. Twitchell.	Spring,	23	18½	—	11	5	1	3½ months.	\$48 00
"	Mr. Fred Gowing.	Fall, .	29	23½	—	6	9	10	3	48 00
"	"	Winter,	25	23½	—	15	6	1	3	48 00
North,	Miss Mary J. Whittemore,	Spring,	46	34½	2	2	29	1	3	32 00
"	"	Fall, .	52	35	1	3	33	7	3	32 00
"	Miss Grace E. Besse.	Winter,	37	32	—	2	21	12	1	32 00
East, .	Miss H. Ida Perry.	Spring,	16	13	—	—	13	1	3½	32 00
"	"	Fall, .	13	12½	—	—	10	3	3½	32 00
"	"	Winter,	13	12½	—	—	10	4	1	32 00
Centre,	Miss Carrie F. Buck.	Spring,	33	22½	—	—	22	—	3	32 00
"	"	Fall, .	35	24½	—	—	24	1	3	32 00
"	"	Winter,	30	25½	—	—	21	5	1	32 00
South,	Miss Brazillia Taylor.	Spring,	30	26½	—	—	25	4	3	32 00
"	Miss Ella L. Alden.	Fall, .	33	23	—	—	23	—	3	32 00
"	Miss Elan Alexander.	Winter,	23	13	—	—	18	2	1	32 00
West, .	Mrs. Lizzie H. Carter.	Spring,	8	6½	—	2	3	3	3½	16 00
"	"	Fall, .	14	10½	—	1	6	—	3	32 00
"	"	Winter,	11	8½	—	1	5	1	1½	32 00

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Edward M. Nichols, Constable of the Town of Wilmington, Greeting.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the town house, on Monday the fifth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock A.M., to act on the following articles, viz. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of committees, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to defray annual expenses and pay town debts.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the select school for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways, and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the public library for the year ensuing.

ART. 10. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes under the direction of the selectmen, the money to be paid out of this year's taxes.

ART. 12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? Yes or no.

ART. 13. To see if the town will adopt any measure for furnishing fuel for the town house and the several schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended in improving the grounds of the cemetery, and if so, give instructions for its expenditure.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for adorning and embellishing the common presented the town by Mrs. Sabra Carter.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for a well and public watering trough near the junction of the Woburn and Reading road, opposite the house occupied by Henry Taylor, in the South district, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will pay a bounty on crows that are killed within the limits of the town from the first day of May to the first day of October, and if so, how much.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, in said Wilmington, this fourteenth day of February, A.D. eighteen hundred and eighty three.

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
WILLIAM H. CARTER,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Selectmen of Wilmington.*



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,  
FROM  
FEBRUARY 1, 1883, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1884;  
AND  
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1883-84;  
AND ALSO THE  
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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BOSTON :  
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING COMPANY,  
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1884.



## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1883.

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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

EDWARD A. CARTER, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

NATHAN B. EAMES.

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Town Clerk.

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

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Town Treasurer.

FRANK L. EAMES.

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School Committee.

OTHNIEL EAMES,	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1886.
CHARLES W. SWAIN,	.	.	.	" " " 1885.
J. HOWARD EAMES,	.	.	.	" " " 1884.

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Trustees of Public Library.

OTIS GOWING,	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1886.
ARTHUR O. BUCK,	.	.	.	" " " 1886.
WARREN EAMES,	.	.	.	" " " 1885.
DANIEL P. NOYES,	.	.	.	" " " 1885.
LEVI SWAIN,	.	.	.	" " " 1884.
CHARLES W. SWAIN,	.	.	.	" " " 1884.

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Treasurer and Librarian of Public Library.

ARTHUR O. BUCK.

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Collector of Taxes.

DARIUS BUCK.

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Constable.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

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Auditors of Accounts.

HENRY HILLER.

CHARLES W. SWAIN.

HENRY SHELDON.

*Fence Viewers.*

HENRY SHELDON.

OTHNIEL EAMES.

HORACE SHELDON.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

SILAS BROWN.

HENRY SHELDON.

GEO. W. HORTON.

EDWARD A. CARTER.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

Z. T. WHITE.

H. BREWSTER NICHOLS.

HENRY SHELDON.

GEORGE W. HORTON.

EDWARD A. CARTER.

*Public Weighers of Merchandise.*

EDWARD M. NICHOLS, for the Centre.

W. WARREN CARTER, for the North part of the Town.

NATHAN B. EAMES, for the South part of the Town.

*Field Drivers.*

EDWARD MEARS.

EDWIN STUDLEY.

JOHN BAILEY.

GEORGE FORTIS.

GEORGE T. EAMES.

*Surveyors of Highways.*

DISTRICT	No. 1,	.	.	.	.	ASA POTTER.
"	No. 2,	.	.	.	.	WM. H. CARTER, 2d.
"	No. 3,	.	.	.	.	FRED S. WHITE.
"	No. 4,	.	.	.	.	HENRY EAMES.
"	No. 5,	.	.	.	.	HENRY BUCK.
"	No. 6,	.	.	.	.	JOHN BAILY.
"	No. 7,	.	.	.	.	CHARLES HOPKINS.
"	No. 8,	.	.	.	.	JUSTIN L. PARKER.
"	No. 9,	.	.	.	.	GEO. W. McINTOSH.
"	No. 10,	.	.	.	.	WM. H. BOUTWELL.
"	No. 11,	.	.	.	.	EDWARD MEARS.
"	No. 12,	.	.	.	.	JOHN T. WILD.
"	No. 13,	.	.	.	.	LEVI SWAIN.

**Pound Keeper.**

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

**Fish Wardens.**

EVERETT HARNDEN, . . .	Term expires March, 1886.
THOMAS P. EAMES, . . .	" " " 1885.
HENRY SHELDON, . . .	" " " 1884.

**Cemetery Committee.**

EDWARD M. NICHOLS, . . .	Term expires March, 1886.
HENRY SHELDON, . . .	" " " 1885.
THOMAS P. EAMES, . . .	" " " 1884.

**Measurer of Leather.**

WILLIAM J. HOWARD.

**Superintendent of Almshouse.**

JAMES C. PARKER.

**List of Jurors, revised October, 1883.**

EDWARD BUCK.	HENRY L. CARTER.
GEORGE W. SIDELINKER.	HORACE E. EAMES.
GEORGE T. EAMES.	HENRY BUCK.
WARREN EAMES.	FREDERICK S. WHITE.
JAMES E. KELLEY.	SYLVESTER CARTER.
FRED M. CARTER.	CHARLES BUCK.
JONATHAN H. BUCK.	FRANK W. KIDDER.

Paid County Treasurer, \$132.60, on account of Dog Licenses in 1883.

WILLIAM H. CARTER,

*Town Clerk.*



## REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

### EXPENSE OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward A. Carter for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	\$150 00
William H. Carter, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	100 00
Nathan B. Eames for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	100 00
William H. Carter for services as Town Clerk,	15 00
Frank L. Eames for services as Town Treas- urer, . . . . .	50 00
Darius Buck for services as Collector of Taxes,	110 00
Edward M. Nichols for services as Constable,	25 00
Charles W. Swain for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	40 00
Frank L. Eames for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	5 00
Othniel Eames and William J. Howard for services as Auditing Committee, . . . .	8 00
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	\$603 00

### REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The amount expended by the several surveyors, viz. :—

District No. 1.	Paid Asa Potter, . . . .	\$99 91
2.	“ William H. Carter, 2d, . . .	101 89
3.	“ Frederick S. White, . . .	122 80
4.	“ Henry W. Eames, . . . .	124 59
5.	“ Henry Buck, . . . . .	132 31

District No. 6.	Paid John Bailey,	. . . . .	\$80 00
7.	" Charles Hopkins,	. . . . .	79 83
8.	" Justin L. Parker,	. . . . .	89 60
9.	" George W. McIntosh,	. . . . .	102 76
10.	" William H. Boutwell,	. . . . .	85 22
11.	" Edward Mears,	. . . . .	83 63
12.	" John T. Wild,	. . . . .	109 48
13.	" Levi Swain,	. . . . .	75 00
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			\$1,287 02

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Silas Brown for lumber for bridges,	\$2 75
J. B. McDonald for lumber for railing high- ways,	28 53
N. B. Eames for labor and material on roads and bridges,	30 83
Jonathan Carter for nails,	1 20
William H. Carter, 2d, for drawing stone and lumber,	4 75
William H. Carter, 2d, for grading around pump,	3 33
E. A. Carter for labor and material on roads and bridges,	15 50
J. Henry Buck for posts,	2 50
John Bailey for labor on road,	10 00
Everel Harnden for grading road and making watering trough,	12 00
William H. Boutwell for drawing lumber,	2 00
G. W. McIntosh for labor on road,	7 22
Boston & Maine Railroad for posts,	6 24
J. L. Carter and Henry Sheldon for stone,	1 50
Otis Carter for labor on road,	13 85
Frederick S. White for drawing lumber and grading around pump,	6 33
Thomas A. Bancroft for laying over two cul- verts and grading around pump,	25 03
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	\$173 56

## REPAIRS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Paid George W. Horton for labor on town hall, .	\$13 50
"          "    for making platform and watering trough, . . . . .	7 00
B. F. Crosby for painting blinds, window sashes and doors at town house and paint- ing band stand, . . . . .	26 50
E. A. Carter for labor on the West school-house and making platform for pump, and labor on town house, . . . . .	10 25
J. B. McDonald for lumber for town hall, .	75 44
N. B. Eames for freight on lumber for town hall, . . . . .	2 52
N. B. Eames for drawing lumber for town house, . . . . .	3 00
N. B. Eames for lumber and building plat- form for pump, . . . . .	3 75
Henry Buck for labor on town house and re- pairing pump, . . . . .	2 25
C. E. Hudson for nails for town house, .	3 84
Henry Ames for nails, oil and broom, . . .	2 91
N. Jenkins for repairing pumps and making platforms for pumps, . . . . .	11 50
N. Jenkins for repairing sink and sink pipe at the almshouse, . . . . .	3 00
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	\$165 46

## IMPROVING CEMETERY.

Paid Thomas P. Eames for 27 days' labor grading cemetery, . . . . .	\$45 00
Thomas P. Eames cash paid J. A. Bancroft for surveying, . . . . .	8 00
Thomas P. Eames cash paid N. Merrill for stone and freight, . . . . .	6 00
Thomas P. Eames for splitting 40 bound stones and hauling the same, . . . . .	6 00
Henry Sheldon for labor in cemetery, . . .	6 00

Paid E. M. Nichols for services as cemetery committee, . . . . .	\$10 00
Henry Hall for labor in cemetery, . . . . .	22 50
Otis Carter for labor in cemetery, . . . . .	14 17
Walter D. Carter for labor in cemetery, . . . . .	48 33
James Kernon for labor in cemetery, . . . . .	6 50
Thomas A. Bancroft for labor in cemetery, . . . . .	45 68
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	\$218 18

Paid for watching and extinguishing fire in the north part of the town, . . . . .	\$145 00
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#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Wright & Potter for printing town reports, . . . . .	\$52 80
Darius Buck for printing tax bills, . . . . .	3 25
Clerk of Courts, . . . . .	2 40
William Horace Eames for sawing wood, . . . . .	1 50
H. A. Davis for sealing weights and measures, . . . . .	7 88
Everett G. Avery for printing bill-heads, . . . . .	2 50
Frank L. Eames for books and postage, . . . . .	1 50
C. M. Gowing for police duty fair day, . . . . .	2 00
E. M. Nichols for care of town house, . . . . .	15 00
for returning 18 deaths to town clerk, . . . . .	4 50
for ringing bell, . . . . .	5 00
for police duty, . . . . .	2 00
S. O. Butters, " " . . . . .	2 00
A. P. Pearson, " " . . . . .	2 00
A. W. Eames, " " . . . . .	2 00
Wm. H. Carter for assisting in copying the inventory of the town; also the town, county and State tax, and making return of the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, . . . . .	10 00
N. B. Eames for hoisting flag-staff, . . . . .	2 00
Edward A. Carter for assisting in copying the inventory of the town; also the town, county and state tax, and making return of the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, . . . . .	10 00

Paid Wm. H. Carter for journey to Reading, to qualify representative to General Court, . . .	\$2 00
Wm. H. Carter for blank dog licenses, . . .	1 50
for exp'ss matter and postage, . . .	4 19
for 1 book and stationery, . . .	2 00
E. A. Carter for express matter and postage and book for registering voters, . . .	2 52
E. M. Nichols for cleaning town house, . . .	2 65
Jonathan Carter for oil and chimneys, . . .	1 88
E. M. Nichols for insurance on town house, . . .	26 25
Wm. H. Carter, 2d, for wood for town house, . . .	5 50
J. Baker & Co. for blocks and rope for flag- staff, . . . . .	10 65
Jonathan Carter for oil, wicks and chimneys, . . .	7 48
Wm. H. Carter for recording and making re- turn to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of — 20 births, . . . . .	10 00
18 deaths, . . . . .	3 60
7 marriages, . . . . .	1 05
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	\$209 60

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THEIR LAST ANNUAL MEETING,  
VIZ. :

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED.	AMOUNT EXPENDED.
For town officers, . . . \$600 00	For town officers, . . . \$603 00
roads and bridges, . . . 150 00	roads and bridges, . . . 173 56
State aid, . . . . . 400 00	State aid, . . . . . 432 00
interest on town notes, . . . . . 200 00	interest on town notes, . . . . . 274 28
repairs of public buildings, . . . . . 200 00	repairs of public buildings, . . . . . 165 46
miscellaneous expen- ses, . . . . . 175 00	miscellaneous expen- ses, . . . . . 209 60
common schools, . . . 1,000 00	common schools, . . . 1,387 73
select school, . . . . . 550 00	select school, . . . . . 614 70
support of poor, . . . 1,100 00	support of poor, . . . 1,077 29
support of highways, . . 1,300 00	support of highways, . . 1,287 02
improving cemetery, . . 200 00	improving cemetery, . . 218 18
embellishing common, . . 250 00	embellishing common, . . 250 00
support of public li- brary, . . . . . 100 00	support of public li- brary, . . . . . 154 60
building well, . . . . . 50 00	building well and pump, . . . . . 52 00
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\$6,275 00	\$6,899 42



## STATE AID.

Paid Widow Mary A. Phelps, . . . .	\$18 00
Phebe F. Simpson, . . . .	18 00
Rachel Clough, . . . .	18 00
Harriet Young, . . . .	48 00
Mary Ann Chapman, . . . .	36 00
Frank M. Boynton, . . . .	144 00
Merrill Hutchinson, . . . .	60 00
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	\$432 00

## BOOK ACCOUNT OF CHARLES W. SWAIN.

*Dr.*

1883.

Feb. 1. To books on hand, . . . .	\$73 48
books bought, . . . .	29 60
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	\$103 08

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1884.

Feb. 1. By cash paid treasurer, . . . .	\$33 27
books for needy pupils, . . . .	1 67
commission, . . . .	8 00
books on hand, . . . .	60 14
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	\$103 08

## VALUATION FOR 1883.

Real estate, . . . .	\$490,295 00
Personal estate, . . . .	72,156 00
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Total valuation, . . . .	\$562,451 00

Amount of taxes assessed in 1883, . . . \$7,329 38

Rate of taxation for general tax, \$12.00 per \$1,000.

## ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

For 1881, Darius Buck, collector, . . . \$31 90

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm, . . . . .	\$4,000 00
Personal property at town farm, . . . . .	1,088 32
Eldad Butters' place, . . . . .	75 00
Town house, . . . . .	1,800 00
School-houses and furniture, . . . . .	6,800 00
Town scales and sealer's office, . . . . .	250 00
Two hearses. . . . .	375 00
Cemetery land and lots, . . . . .	800 00
Furniture in town hall and selectmen's office, . . . . .	100 00
Public library and furniture, . . . . .	1,000 00
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	\$16,288 32

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
WILLIAM H. CARTER,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Selectmen and Assessors of Wilmington.*

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Registered Number.	NAMES.	Age.	REMARKS.
5	Louisa Burt.	79	Died April 26th.
7	Fanny Butters.	43	
8	Albert Carter.	64	Died November 11th.
12	Elbridge Butters.	78	
22	Charlotte Butters.	11	
43	Eldad Butters.	72	
42	Mary Butters.	67	

Whole number during the year,	7
Present number,	5

One hundred and forty lodgings and four hundred and eighty-nine meals have been furnished to vagrants.

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FEB. 1, 1884.

Live stock, . . . . .	\$261 50
Farming tools, etc., . . . . .	357 70
Provisions, etc., . . . . .	106 22
Coal, wood and lumber, . . . . .	34 00
Household furniture, . . . . .	322 40
Contents of lobby, . . . . .	6 50
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	\$1,088 32

## EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Jonathan Carter for groceries and grain, . . . . .	\$208 84
Henry Ames for groceries and grain, . . . . .	70 44
Charles E. Hudson for groceries and grain, . . . . .	41 01

Paid N. B. Eames for fertilizer, . . . .	\$16 50
for coal, . . . .	4 20
George E. Carter for meat, . . . .	55 34
J. Howard Eames for meat, . . . .	29 62
Arthur O. Buck for meat, . . . .	7 00
Superintendent's salary, one year, . .	300 00
A. S. Cobb for fish, . . . .	4 90
E. F. Rollins for fish, . . . .	11 50
J. R. Currier for crackers, . . . .	54 44
John Perry for blacksmith work, . . .	8 66
R. M. Pulsifer & Co. for advertising, .	1 50
N. B. Eames for two cows, . . . .	54 00
E. A. Carter for repairs on buildings, car fare and tools, . . . .	4 60
B. F. Crosby for painting at the almshouse, .	8 75
E. M. Nichols for funeral expenses of Elbridge Butters, . . . .	20 00
Union Ice Company for ice, . . . .	2 80
John R. Carter for swine, . . . .	20 00
J. P. Elliott for medical attendance, . .	8 00
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	\$932 10

## JAMES C. PARKER'S ACCOUNT AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for cow, . . . .	\$50 00
blankets, . . . .	4 00
for mending harness, . . . .	45
for labor at the almshouse, . . . .	45 35
for butchering, . . . .	5 00
for grinding corn, . . . .	1 32
for seed corn and eggs, . . . .	75
for plaster, . . . .	25
for clothing, . . . .	10 88
for putty and window glass, . . . .	25
for medicines, . . . .	3 88
for meat, . . . .	72
for tin ware, . . . .	1 20
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	\$124 05

## OUTSIDE POOR SUPPLIED.

Paid N. B. Eames for aid rendered William Ames and wife, . . . . .	\$7 25
Jonathan Carter for groceries furnished Wm. Ames and wife, . . . . .	5 39
E. A. Carter for aid rendered William Alexander, . . . . .	8 50
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	\$21 14

## RECEIPTS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Received for cow, . . . . .	\$49 14
for calves, . . . . .	30 27
for labor, . . . . .	3 15
for cash of Louisa Burt, . . . . .	5 66
for hay, . . . . .	3 96
for potatoes, . . . . .	16 80
for wood and lumber, . . . . .	8 00
for cranberries, . . . . .	4 00
for pork, . . . . .	54 47
for beans, . . . . .	1 50
for vegetables, . . . . .	3 87
chickens, . . . . .	2 20
butter and milk, . . . . .	95 00
eggs, . . . . .	4 38
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	\$282 40

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Total expense at the almshouse, . . . . .	\$1,056 15
Receipts, . . . . .	282 40
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Net expense at the almshouse, . . . . .	\$773 75
expense outside, . . . . .	21 14
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Net expense of poor inside and outside of the almshouse, . . . . .	\$794 89

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
WILLIAM H. CARTER,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Overseers of the Poor.*



## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Public documents received, . . . . .	20	vols.
Number of books purchased, . . . . .	77	"
for circulation, . . . . .	1,112	"
taken out during year, . . . . .	1,298	"
persons taking out books, . . . . .	260	

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Receipts.*

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$27	33
Received of town treasurer, appropriation for 1883, . . . . .	100	00
Interest on Burnap Library Fund, four years, . . . . .	24	00
Catalogues and fines, . . . . .	4	43
Gift to the library from Rev. D. P. Noyes, . . . . .	40	00
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	\$195	76

*Payments.*

One record book, . . . . .	\$1	75
Glue, covering paper and mucilage, . . . . .	2	80
Insurance on Public Library, 5 years, for \$1,000, . . . . .	15	00
Henry D. Noyes & Co., books and bookcase, . . . . .	76	55
D. Lothrop & Co., books, . . . . .	17	75
T. W. Gilson, one set Chambers' Encyclopædia, . . . . .	12	00
Covering and repairing books, . . . . .	2	75
Express on books and bookcase, . . . . .	1	00
Librarian's salary, 1883, . . . . .	25	00
Cash to balance, . . . . .	41	16
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	\$195	76

ARTHUR O. BUCK,

*Treasurer and Librarian.*

# A CONDENSED ABSTRACT FROM THE TOWN'S BOOKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1884.

FRANK L. EAMES, *Treasurer.*

<i>Dr.</i>	CASH.	PER CONTRA.	<i>Cr.</i>
To balance in treasury at former settlement,	\$2,622 44	By cash paid town orders,	\$4,338 97
cash received of county treasurer, dog licenses,	114 95	" " for schools, — High,	614 70
" " on account of taxes 1878, 1879, 1880,	60 67	" " North,	276 12
" " 1881,	584 46	" " South,	276 62
" " 1882,	1,875 29	" " East,	276 48
" " 1883,	5,491 72	" " West,	281 22
for town notes issued,	648 14	" " Centre,	277 33
for cemetery lots,	37 00	interest,	304 28
from the Commonwealth, corporation tax,	24 64	library,	100 00
" " national bank tax,	130 40	State tax,	495 00
" " State aid,	208 00	county tax,	282 66
indigent soldiers,	54 00	town's notes,	2,219 47
school fund,	217 02	book account,	29 60
" " book account,	33 27	balance carried forward to new account,	2,391 51
" " on account poor,	18 43		
" " for town hall,	16 50		
" " for peddler's license,	3 00		
" " for interest on deposits,	24 03		
	<u>\$12,163 96</u>		<u>\$12,163 96</u>
Feb. 1, 1884. To balance of cash in treasury brought forward,	\$2,391 51		

The undersigned, a Committee chosen on the part of the town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly cast and properly vouched, and they find remaining in the treasury two thousand and three hundred and ninety-one cents.

HENRY HILLER,  
CHARLES W. SAWAIN,  
HENRY SHELDON, } *Committee.*

WILMINGTON, Feb. 3, 1884.

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, . . . . .	\$2,391 51
Due on taxes 1880, '81, '82, . . . . .	327 61
1883, . . . . .	1,863 81
State aid, . . . . .	364 00
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	\$4,946 93

### LIABILITIES.

Note due Benjamin Buck, May 1, 1876, \$1,000 00	
L. C. Eames, " " 750 00	
Otis Buck, " " 500 00	
H. M. Eames, trustee, May 4, 1883, . . . . .	148 14
Darius Buck, Oct. 1, 1876, . . . . .	500 00
First Religious Society, June 17, 1883, . . . . .	300 00
Librarian, Public Library, Burnap fund, April 2, 1883, . . . . .	100 00
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	*\$3,298 14
Interest due on above, . . . . .	\$146 57
Due High school, . . . . .	187 07
Outstanding town order, . . . . .	65 40
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	3,697 18
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Amount of assets exceeding liabilities, . . . . .	\$1,249 75

\* \$1,500 of the above indebtedness has been paid since the settlement with the treasurer.

## STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1883.

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents	Date of Birth.
			1883.
1	Sarah C. Buck.	J. Henry Buck.	January 19.
2	Arthur G. Kidder.	Catherine T. Buck.	
		Frank W. Kidder.	February 9.
3	Mary L. Babine.	Mary A. Kidder.	
		Mondy Babine.	March 14.
4	Ethel M. Fortis.	Emily Babine.	
		Edward F. Fortis.	March 27.
5	Emma M. Milligan.	Ida M. Fortis.	
		George M. Milligan.	April 2.
6	Nellie I. Fortis.	Mary E. Milligan.	
		James M. Fortis.	April 5.
7	Lucy E. Parker.	Lillian H. Fortis.	
		Justin L. Parker.	April 27.
8	Not named.	Sadie R. Parker.	
		John Kenney.	May 24.
9	John F. Doucett.	Mary Kenney.	
		Joseph Doucett.	July 5.
10	Lewis P. Cady.	Annie Doucett.	
		Fred A. Cady.	July 15.
1	Jessie M. Cole.	Abbie A. Cady.	
		Samuel F. Cole.	August 2.
2	Mabel F. Taylor.	Mary E. Cole.	
		Henry A. Taylor.	August 9.
3	Not named.	Inez J. Taylor.	
		James W. Heath.	September 1.
14	Charles E. Young.	Emma L. Heath.	
		Edward Young.	September 3.
15	Mundy M. Babine.	Mary E. Young.	
		Joseph Babine.	September 16.
16	Mary R. Babine.	Mary Babine.	
		Amos Babine.	November 4.
17	Not named.	Judith Babine.	
		Henry Hall.	November 8.
18	Lillie B. Babine.	Lavilie Hall.	
		William Babine.	November 30.
19	Rose M. McGrane.	Annie L. Babine.	
		Peter McGrane.	December 14.
20	Thomas Doyle.	Mary McGrane.	
		James Doyle.	December 26.
		Catherine Doyle.	

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1883.

Number.	Date of death.	NAME OF DECEASED.	Age.	Condition.	Place of Birth.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	Disease or Cause of death.
	<b>1883.</b>		<b>Y. M. D.</b>				
1	Jan. 15,	William Boutwell,	81 10	Married,	Wilmington,	Jonathan and Jenima Boutwell.	Paralysis.
2	Feb. 14,	William Dumphy,	80	Single,	Ireland,	Edward and Johanna Dumphy,	Consumption.
3	Mar. 20,	Rich Carter,	91 8 13	Widower,	Wilmington,	Jonathan and Lydia G. Carter,	Cancer.
4	April 24,	Louisa Burr,	79	Single,	Wilmington,		Old Age.
5	May 25,	Not named,	12 hours,	Single,	Wilmington.	John and Mary Kenney,	Cholera Infantum.
6	June 6,	Susan H. Fortis,	22 1 17	Married,	Wilmington,	Elbridge and Abby L. Taylor.	Bright's Disease of the Kidneys.
7	June 26,	Annie Kernon,	1 5 28	Single,	Wilmington,	James and Mary W. Kernon,	Cholera Infantum.
8	July 1,	Lewis Richardson,	0 8 8	Single,	Haverhill, Mass.,		Cholera Infantum.
9	July 10,	Joseph A. Babine,	0 9 17	Single,	Nova Scotia,	E. C. and Annettie J. Richardson,	Cholera Infantum.
10	July 16,	Lydia Beard,	79 10 24	Single,	Wilmington,	Amos and Judith Babine,	Dysentery.
11	July 25,	Kingsbury G. Kaime,	67	Married,	Barnstead, N. H.,	Edward and Mary Beard,	Dropsy.
12	Aug. 13,	Dolly Pearson,	81 17	Widow,	Wilmington,	Samuel and Nancy S. Kaime,	Heart Disease.
13	Aug. 14,	Mary L. Babine,	0 5 0	Single,	Nova Scotia,	Samuel and Dolly Eames,	Erysipelas
14	Oct. 20,	Lucy M. Painter,	63	Widow,	Maine,	Monday and Emily Babine,	Cholera Infantum.
15	Nov. 10,	Elbridge Butters,	76	Single,	Wilmington,	Not known,	Catarrh.
16	Nov. 16,	Not named,	8	Single,	Wilmington,	Simeon and Polly Butters,	Dysentery.
17	Nov. 28,	Maude L. Blaisdell,	2 9 19	Single,	Wilmington,	Henry and Lavittie Hall,	Cholera Infantum.
18	Dec. 23,	Mary Hall,	2 4	Single,	Wilmington,	Walter and Hattie E. Blaisdell, Henry and Lavittie Hall,	Heart Disease. Consumption.



# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON IN 1883.

Number.	Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Name of Parents.
1	1883. Jan. 21.	Michael H. White, Mary J. Babine,	19 22	Wilmington, Wilmington.	Farmer,	Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia.	Peter and Elizabeth White. Barney and Margaret Babine
2	Feb. 24.	Edward Young, Mary E. Miller,	26 16	Wilmington. Wilmington.	Carpenter,	Nova Scotia, Burlington, Mass.,	Ned and Zevine Young. Charles O. and Laura Miller.
3	June 24,	James H. Doucett, Fanny White,	22 18	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Laborer,	Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia,	Clements and Rosaline Doucett. Peter and Elizabeth White.
4	Sept. 19,	Charles E. Carter. Annie B. Cazneau,	24 21	Wilmington. Wilmington.	Butcher,	Wilmington, Medford, Mass.,	William and Susan Carter. Isaac and Nancy Cazneau.
5	Oct. 1,	Charles L. Miller. Mame A. Boutwell,	18 19	Wilmington, Woburn,	Farmer,	Burlington, Mass., Woburn,	Charles O. and Laura A. Miller. Charles and Mary A. Boutwell
6	Oct. 18.	J. Howard Eames. Martha A. Joy,	39 26	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Butcher,	Wilmington, Lubec, Me.,	Lemuel C. and Catherine C. Eames. Andrew J. and Hannah A. Joy
7	Dec. 24.	Lawrence C. Swain, Mina A. Taylor..	19 15	Wilmington, Burlington, Mass.,	Butcher.	Wilmington, Burlington, Mass.,	Edward E. and Harriet A. Swain. John B. and Mary E. Taylor.

\* Certificate issued by request of father.

† Certificate issued by request of father.

‡ Certificate issued by request of guardian.



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SCHOOL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON.

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## SCHOOL REPORT.

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The School Committee, in presenting their annual report, desire, in the first place, to thank all the teachers for their uniform courtesy in adopting such suggestions as the committee have made in regard to the general management of their respective schools. Their thanks are also due Rev. Daniel P. Noyes for his kind assistance at the annual examinations last June. At the close of the winter term the committee suggested to the teachers that they present a detailed report of the work which had been done in their respective schools. Such reports have been received from all the teachers, but lack of space will prevent their publication. They will, however, be made use of in the following report.

All the schools opened last spring, under the management of their former teachers; and, with the exception of the High and the West schools, retained the same teachers to the end of the winter term. With the Christmas vacation Mr. Fred Gowing, principal of the High school, accepted a position in a school in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Mr. F. H. Pease, a recent graduate of Tufts College, was accepted as his successor. Soon after the close of the spring term, Miss Nellie L. Buck, of Andover, was appointed to fill the vacancy in the West school caused by the resignation of Mrs. L. H. Carter.

It has long been the opinion of the committee that the Wilmington schools need a more thorough supervision, and it has been suggested that such supervision be made a part of the duty of the principal of the High school; but, at present, such a plan seems to be impracticable.

The grossest fault in our schools is that of irregular attendance. This fault is chargeable, in a large measure, to the parents. The necessity of regular attendance on school cannot



be urged with too much earnestness. Every parent should see to it that his children attend school not merely four days out of the school week, but *every* day. Without regular attendance the best results cannot be obtained.

The committee would also urge the parents, especially those having pupils, to visit the schools as often as possible, in order that they may learn for themselves just what work the teachers are doing and *how* they are doing it. Parents and teachers have it in their power to help each other greatly, by supplementing each other's work. If parents want their children to take an interest in their school, they should do all that lies in their power to make their attendance upon school a pleasure rather than a task, or even a duty. The child should never be driven to school (certainly not until all other means have failed), but should be taught to regard his school as one of his greatest blessings.

Mr. Gowing, who had charge of the High school during the spring, fall, and a part of the winter terms, infused new life and vigor into the school, and improved its general deportment in a great degree. His resignation at the Christmas vacation was a surprise as well as a disappointment to the committee. He was asked to withdraw his resignation, but felt it his duty to accept a more remunerative position. Mr. Gowing is an energetic and thorough teacher. He gained the confidence and esteem of all who had the pleasure of being acquainted with him, and he has their best wishes for his future success.

The committee have visited the High school several times since Mr. Pease took charge of it, and although there is a marked difference between the methods of the two teachers, they are perfectly satisfied with the work Mr. Pease is doing.

Following are the names of the class who graduated last June:—Emily Maria Buck, Hattie Emily Carter, Agnes Carter Eames, Mattie Ella Nichols, George W. Buck, Fred Alden Eames. The graduating exercises took place Wednesday evening, June 27, and were unusually interesting. Rev. Daniel P. Noyes presented the diplomas in a few happy remarks.

The Centre school has made excellent progress during the year. Miss Buck has the happy faculty both of interesting and instructing her pupils. It is a wide-awake school and full of

life and vigor. The first class in reading shows evidence of being as well trained as any class in town.

The committee think themselves very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Whittemore for the North school. The progress of this school has been marked. Miss Whittemore has also succeeded in gaining the goodwill of the parents of her pupils.

The spring term of the West school was taught by Mrs. Lizzie H. Carter with her usual success. The school numbered fourteen and was taught at the school-house, instead of at the residence of Mrs. Carter as formerly. Shortly after the close of the spring term, Mrs. Carter, on account of illness, passed in her resignation. That she may soon regain her usual health is the heartfelt wish of all her acquaintances.

Miss Nellie L. Buck, of Andover, was intrusted with the school for the fall and winter terms. This was Miss Buck's first experience as a teacher, and the committee think she has given general satisfaction. The attendance on the winter term was very irregular on account of sickness, and consequently the progress was not as good as it otherwise would have been.

The South school, during the past year, has been under the charge of Miss Blan Alexander. This school, both in its general deportment and attention to study, was second to none in town, and richly deserves the warmest praise. The progress of the school was very good, and the committee think Miss Alexander has accomplished a permanent improvement in this school. The attendance during the closing weeks of the winter term was not as good as it ought to have been.

Miss H. Ida Perry has had charge of the East school during the past year. Under her instruction the school has shown steady progress. Miss Perry is a conscientious teacher, possessing a genuine love for her work. The attendance during the last few weeks was especially gratifying.

Following are the names of those pupils who have not been absent during one or more terms:—

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Helen H. Buck, Hattie E. Carter, Abbie F. Sheldon, Mary G. Swain, Lila M. Taylor, George W. Buck.

*Fall Term:* Helen H. Buck, Kate H. Milligan, Abbie F.

Sheldon, Anna T. Sheldon, Lizzie T. Sheldon, Arthur B. Carter, Robt. H. Gowing, Willard F. Lowe. *Winter Term:* Helen H. Buck, Anna T. Sheldon, Mary G. Swain, Willard F. Lowe, Edgar C. Folkins.

#### EAST SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Emma A. Murray, Etta A. Swain, Hattie S. Taylor. *Fall Term:* Herman B. Bancroft, Emma Murray, Fred S. Hutchinson, Carrie M. Swain, Etta A. Swain. *Winter Term:* Arthur E. Carter, Willis H. Carter, Jesse N. Hutchinson, Fred S. Hutchinson, Charles F. Perry, Lottie J. Hutchinson, Emma A. Murray, Carrie M. Swain, Etta A. Swain, Hattie S. Taylor.

#### NORTH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Willard F. Lowe, Walter Hamlen, Herbert Harnden, Harry Lowe, Nettie Batchelder, Carrie M. Blanchard, Emeline Doucette, Rosie Doucette, Mabel Pike. *Fall Term:* Eldora E. Frost, Mabel A. Pike, Carrie E. Pike. *Winter Term:* Charles Hamlen, Hiram Pearson, Ernest Beals, Emeline Doucette, Mabel A. Pike, Grace Sidelinker. 18

#### CENTRE SCHOOL.

*Fall Term:* Fred Perry. *Winter Term:* George Perry, Fred Perry, Frank Folkins, Mary Kernon, Abbie Kernon. 6

#### SOUTH SCHOOL.

*Fall Term:* Albert G. Ames, Maggie Snelling.

#### WEST SCHOOL.

*Fall Term:* Charles V. Blaisdell, Sadie P. Gowing, Annie L. Gowing. 3

By a special arrangement with the librarian of the Public Library the High school has had the use of "Chambers' Encyclopædia" and other books of reference, and it is the opinion of the committee that the money expended for the library contributes largely to the welfare of the schools.

The closing examinations of all the schools were attended by a large number of visitors, the majority being ladies. From

the interest manifested in the schools by the ladies it has been suggested that it would be an advantage to the schools if one or more of them were given a place on the School Committee. Undoubtedly Wilmington is in advance of most of the smaller towns of the Commonwealth in her appropriations for schools, and it is hoped that she will continue to maintain the same honorable position.

CHARLES W. SWAIN,  
FRANK L. EAMES,

*School Committee.*

WILMINGTON, Feb. 1, 1884.



TABLE OF STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Term.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Number under 5 years.	Number between 5 and 14 years.	Length of Term.	Salary per month.
High.,	Mr. Fred Gowing,	Spring,	23	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	16	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ months,	248 00
"	"	Fall,	24	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	11	"	48 00
"	{ Mr. Fred Gowing,	Winter,	23	—	—	11	In session,	48 00
North,	Mr. Frank H. Pease,	Spring,	51	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ months,	32 00
"	Miss Mary J. Whittemore,	Fall,	51	31 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	—	"	32 00
"	"	Winter,	36	22	—	—	"	32 00
East	Miss H. Ida Perry,	Spring,	15	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	"	32 00
"	"	Fall,	19	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	"	32 00
"	"	Winter,	20	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	—	"	32 00
Centre,	Miss Carrie F. Buck,	Spring,	31	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	"	32 00
"	"	Fall,	32	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	"	32 00
"	"	Winter,	33	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	—	"	32 00
South,	Miss Blan Alexander,	Spring,	27	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	—	"	32 00
"	"	Fall,	29	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	—	"	32 00
"	"	Winter,	20	13	—	—	"	32 00
West,	Mrs. Lizzie H. Carter,	Spring,	14	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	2	"	32 00
"	Miss Nellie L. Buck,	Fall,	14	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	2	"	28 00
"	"	Winter,	15	—	—	2	"	28 00



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, ss.

*To Edward M. Nichols, Constable of the Town of Wilmington, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town House, on Monday, the third day of March next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at twelve o'clock M., to act upon the following articles, viz. : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate to defray annual expenses and pay town debts.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the select school for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

ART. 10. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer

to borrow money in anticipation of taxes under the direction of the selectmen, the money to be paid out of this year's taxes.

ART. 12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? Yes or no.

ART. 13. To see if the town will adopt any measure for furnishing fuel for the town house and the several schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended in improving the grounds of the cemetery.

ART. 15. To see if the town will set apart a lot in the cemetery, to be called and used as the Volunteers lot.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of the Volunteers lot.

ART. 17. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support and repairs of public buildings.

ART. 18. To see if the town will adopt any by-laws concerning truant children.

ART. 19. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for adorning and embellishing the common the ensuing year.

ART. 20. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for a lock-up, and also determine where it shall be located.

ART. 21. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for a safe or vault, for the safe keeping of the town records.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Wilmington, this eleventh day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
WILLIAM H. CARTER,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Selectmen of Wilmington.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,  
FROM  
FEBRUARY 1, 1884, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1885;  
AND  
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1884-5;  
AND ALSO THE  
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1884.

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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

EDWARD A. CARTER, *Chairman*.

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

NATHAN B. EAMES.

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Town Clerk.

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

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Town Treasurer.

FRANK L. EAMES.

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School Committee.

ARTHUR O. BUCK.	.	.	.	Term expires March.	1887.
OTHNIEL EAMES,	.	.	.	" "	" 1886.
CHARLES W. SWAIN.	.	.	.	" "	" 1885.

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Trustees of Public Library.

SIDNEY C. BUCK.	.	.	.	Term expires March.	1887.
CHARLES W. SWAIN.	.	.	.	" "	" 1887.
OTIS GOWING,	.	.	.	" "	" 1886.
ARTHUR O. BUCK.	.	.	.	" "	" 1886.
WARREN EAMES,	.	.	.	" "	" 1885.
DANIEL P. NOYES,	.	.	.	" "	" 1885.

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Treasurer and Librarian of Public Library.

ARTHUR O. BUCK.

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Collector of Taxes.

DARIUS BUCK.

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Constable.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.



*Auditors of Accounts.*

LEMUEL C. EAMES.

HENRY HILLER.

HENRY SHELDON.

*Fence Viewers.*

HENRY W. EAMES.

BENJAMIN F. PERRY.

OTHNIEL EAMES.

*Sealers of Weights and Measures.*

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*

SILAS BROWN.

Z. T. WHITE.

EDWARD A. CARTER.

HENRY SHELDON.

GEORGE W. HORTON.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

Z. T. WHITE.

HENRY B. NICHOLS.

EDWARD A. CARTER.

HENRY SHELDON.

GEORGE W. HORTON.

*Public Weighers of Merchandise.*

EDWARD M. NICHOLS, for the Centre.

W. WARREN CARTER, for the North part of the Town.

HENRY BUCK, for the South part of the Town.

*Field Drivers.*

DANIEL N. PEARSON.

DANIEL GOWING.

JOHN BAILEY.

HORACE SHELDON.

NEWELL D. DEAN.

*Pound Keeper.*

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

*First Wardens.*

SHELDON SARGENT, . . . Term expires March, 1887.

EVEREL HARNDEN, . . . " " " 1886.

THOMAS P. EAMES, . . . " " " 1885.

*Cemetery Committee.*

LEVI SWAIN, . . . Term expires March, 1887.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS, . . . " " " 1886.

HENRY SHELDON, . . . " " " 1885.

**Measurer of Leather.**

Z. T. WHITE. . . . . Term expires March, 1885.

**Superintendent of Almshouse.**

JAMES C. PARKER.

**Surveyors of Highways.**

DISTRICT	No. 1.	. . . . .	HENRY B. NICHOLS.
"	No. 2,	. . . . .	WM. H. CARTER, 2d.
"	No. 3,	. . . . .	FRED. S. WHITE.
"	No. 4,	. . . . .	IL. ALLEN SHELDON.
"	No. 5,	. . . . .	WARREN EAMES.
"	No. 6,	. . . . .	JOHN BAILEY.
"	No. 7,	. . . . .	CHARLES HOPKINS.
"	No. 8,	. . . . .	WALTER D. CARTER.
"	No. 9,	. . . . .	JAMES C. PARKER.
"	No. 10,	. . . . .	WM. H. BOUTWELL.
"	No. 11,	. . . . .	EDWARD MEARS.
"	No. 12,	. . . . .	OTIS CARTER.
"	No. 13,	. . . . .	LEVI SWAIN.

**Special Police.**

A. PORTER PEARSON. LEVI SWAIN.

**List of Jurors, revised October, 1884.**

WARREN EAMES.	HENRY L. CARTER.
GEORGE W. SIDELINKER.	HORACE E. EAMES.
GEORGE T. EAMES.	EDWARD BUCK.
FRED. M. CARTER.	JONATHAN H. BUCK.
SYLVESTER CARTER.	FRANK W. KIDDER
JAMES E. KELLEY.	ARTHUR W. EAMES.
FRED. S. WHITE.	JUSTIN L. PARKER.

WARREN EAMES (drawn yearly), Grand Juryman, for the year 1885.

Paid County Treasurer 132 dollars on account of Dog Licenses in 1884.

WILLIAM H. CARTER,

*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

### EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward A. Carter, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . . . .	\$150 00
William H. Carter, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . . . .	100 00
Nathan B. Eames, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . . . .	100 00
William H. Carter, for services as Town Clerk, . . . . .	15 00
Frank L. Eames, for services as Town Treas- urer, . . . . .	50 00
Darius Buck, for services as Collector of Taxes, . . . . .	110 00
Edward M. Nichols, for services as Constable, . . . . .	25 00
Charles W. Swain, for services as School Committee, . . . . .	35 00
Othniel Eames, for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	25 00
Arthur O. Buck, for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	25 00
Warren Eames, for services as Moderator, . . . . .	3 00
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	\$638 00

### REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The amount expended by the several Surveyors, viz. :—

District No. 1.	Paid H. B. Nichols, . . . . .	\$103 48
2.	William H. Carter, 2d, . . . . .	100 12
3.	Frederick S. White, . . . . .	71 48
4.	H. Allen Sheldon, . . . . .	130 54
5.	Warren Eames, . . . . .	130 00
6.	John Bailey, . . . . .	80 17
7.	Charles Hopkins, . . . . .	82 18

District No. 8.	Walter D. Carter, . . .	\$86 00
9.	James C. Parker, . . .	105 65
10.	William H. Boutwell, . .	89 76
11.	Edward Mears, . . .	82 64
12.	Otis Carter, . . .	110 00
13.	Levi Swain, . . .	75 98
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		\$1,248 00

The amount expended for the repairs of Roads and  
Bridges, . . . . . \$53 65

The amount expended for removing snow : —

District No. 1, . . . . .	\$3 50
2. . . . .	1 67
3. . . . .	8 08
4. . . . .	11 32
6. . . . .	2 00
7. . . . .	8 91
8. . . . .	3 00
9. . . . .	1 50
11. . . . .	9 67
12. . . . .	4 00
13. . . . .	7 17
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	\$60 82

The amount expended for repairs on public build-  
ings, . . . . . \$68 63  
amount expended for force pumps for fire  
wardens, . . . . . 45 00  
amount expended for improving the common, 198 70  
amount expended for improving the cemetery, 165 00  
amount expended for building and furnishing  
lockup, . . . . . 297 59  
Paid Edward A. Carter, for cutting wood on land  
owned by the town, . . . . . 24 25  
Received of Edward A. Carter, for wood cut on  
land owned by the town, . . . . . 72 73

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid E. M. Nichols, care of town house, . . .	\$15 00
ringing bell, . . .	5 00
returning deaths to T. Clerk, . . .	6 25
express on gasoline, . . .	25
for washing town house, . . .	2 00
Edward A. Carter, stationery and blank book, . . .	2 50
Edward A. Carter, for work on new register of voters, . . .	5 00
Edward A. Carter, raising flag, . . .	50
car fare, . . .	1 00
justice fee, . . .	25
Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1 book, . . .	1 00
Charles K. Darling, book of record, . . .	1 00
Darius Buck, printing tax bills, . . .	3 25
Michael Walch, police duty, fair day, . . .	3 00
Arthur W. Eames, police duty, fair day, . . .	2 00
Levi Swain, police duty, fair day, . . .	2 00
repairing pump, . . .	2 00
Wright & Potter, printing town report, . . .	52 00
Auditing Committee, . . .	6 00
Clerk of Courts, . . .	1 20
C. W. Swain, taking census of school chil- dren, . . .	5 50
C. W. Swain, 1 record book, . . .	50
E. M. Nichols, washing town house, . . .	2 50
Dr. J. P. Elliott, making return of births, . . .	2 00
Everett G. Avery, printing for assessors and registrars, . . .	3 00
Thomas A. Bancroft, caulking and painting flag-staff, . . .	25 00
William H. Carter, tax books for collectors, journey to Reading, to qualifying representa- tive, . . .	2 00
paid for express matter, . . .	3 50
stationery, . . .	2 75
expense on new ballot box, . . .	2 75





## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm, . . . . .	\$4,000 00
Personal property at town farm, . . . . .	1,098 74
Eldad Butter's place, . . . . .	75 00
Town house, . . . . .	1,800 00
School-house and furniture, . . . . .	6,800 00
Town scales and scaler's office, . . . . .	250 00
Two hearses, . . . . .	375 00
Cemetery land and lots, . . . . .	800 00
Furniture in town hall and Selectmen's office, . . . . .	100 00
Public Library and furniture, . . . . .	1,000 00
Lockup, . . . . .	300 00

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\$16,598 74

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
WILLIAM H. CARTER,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Selectmen and Assessors of Wilmington.*

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Registered Number.	NAMES.	Age.	Remarks.
7	Fannie Butters, . . .	44	
8	Albert Carter, . . .	65	
22	Charlotte Butters, . . .	12	
43	Eldad Butters, . . .	73	
42	Mary Butters, . . .	68	

Whole number during the year, . . . . .	5
Present number, . . . . .	5

Three hundred and thirty-one lodgings and eight hundred and eighty-four meals have been furnished to vagrants.

### INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FEB. 2, 1885.

Live stock, . . . . .	\$192 00
Farming tools, etc., . . . . .	365 00
Provisions, etc., . . . . .	122 14
Coal, wood and lumber, . . . . .	83 00
Household furniture, . . . . .	324 60
Contents of lobby, . . . . .	12 00
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	\$1,098 74

### EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Jonathan Carter for groceries and grain, . . .	\$145 10
Henry Ames for groceries and grain, . . .	160 64
Charles E. Hudson for groceries and grain, . . .	38 42
Superintendent's salary, one year, . . .	300 00
James C. Parker, balances due on settlement, . . .	23 92

Paid Nathan B. Eames for fertilizer, . . . . .	\$24 25
Alyah Buckman for shoes for the year 1883, . . . . .	4 00
E. F. Rollins for fish, . . . . .	11 70
E. Pike for repairs on stove, . . . . .	11 58
W. W. McCabe for crackers, . . . . .	42 00
H. L. Day for crackers, . . . . .	8 19
J. Howard Eames for meat, . . . . .	43 79
George E. Carter for meat, . . . . .	50 75
John R. Carter for pigs, . . . . .	14 00
John W. Perry for blacksmith work, . . . . .	7 21
Union Ice Company for ice, . . . . .	6 40
J. P. Elliott for medical attendance, . . . . .	2 00
George Milligen for moving tramp to town farm, . . . . .	1 00
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	\$894 95

## OUTSIDE POOR SUPPLIED.

Paid city of Worcester for aid rendered William Lynch, . . . . .	\$2 70
E. M. Nichols, funeral expenses of Thomas B. Flagg, . . . . .	25 00
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	\$27 70

## JAMES C. PARKER'S ACCOUNT AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for pigs, . . . . .	\$8 00
for dry goods and clothing, . . . . .	20 17
for mending harness, . . . . .	2 03
for mending shoes, . . . . .	1 75
for seeds, cabbage plants and seed potatoes, . . . . .	8 45
for calves, . . . . .	2 00
for cider, . . . . .	1 50
for grinding corn, . . . . .	1 39
for labor, . . . . .	90 89
for meat, . . . . .	6 70
for medicines, . . . . .	82
for use of bull, . . . . .	3 00
for iron . . . . .	40
for glass, . . . . .	45

Paid for putty, . . . . .	\$0 32
for peppers, . . . . .	15
for butchering four hogs, . . . . .	6 00
for screw-driver, . . . . .	30
for castor oil and extracts, . . . . .	42
for lock, . . . . .	30
for lime and fish, . . . . .	38
for horse medicine and blank book, . . . . .	75
for sawing lumber, . . . . .	6 00
for tin pail, . . . . .	40
for oil, lead and painting, . . . . .	2 03
for two brooms, . . . . .	55
for doctoring cow, . . . . .	75
for registering letter, . . . . .	12
for repairing clocks, . . . . .	75
for stove lifter, . . . . .	10
for expressing, . . . . .	30
for potash, . . . . .	85
for lamp chimney, . . . . .	10
for eggs, . . . . .	15
for tin pails, . . . . .	35
for porcelain kettle, . . . . .	85
for vinegar, . . . . .	1 00
for gravel for highway, . . . . .	8 46
for coffee pot and trap, . . . . .	65
for rope halter, . . . . .	27
for matches, . . . . .	20
for soap and hinges, . . . . .	28
for insect bellows, . . . . .	10
for shears and mucilage, . . . . .	85
for horseshoeing, . . . . .	31
for table, . . . . .	7 00
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	\$188 59

## RECEIPTS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Received for butter, . . . . .	\$64 75
for milk, . . . . .	56 68
for potatoes, . . . . .	11 00
for vegetables, . . . . .	22 79



Received for labor, . . . . .	\$26 73
for labor on the highway, . . . . .	105 65
for pork, . . . . .	49 05
for apples, . . . . .	2 85
for eggs, . . . . .	13 93
for hay, . . . . .	67
for board, . . . . .	13 45
for wood and lumber, . . . . .	16 90
for cow, . . . . .	48 00
for calves, . . . . .	56 06
for premiums at the fair, . . . . .	2 00
for chickens, . . . . .	2 40
for table, . . . . .	50
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	\$493 41

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Total expense at the almshouse, . . . . .	\$1,083 54
Receipts, . . . . .	493 41
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Net expense at the almshouse, . . . . .	\$590 13
expense outside, . . . . .	27 70
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Net expense of poor inside and outside of the alms- house, . . . . .	\$617 83

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
WILLIAM H. CARTER,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

# PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Public documents received, . . . . .	18 vols.
From Walter Blaisdell, . . . . .	1 vol.
Mrs. Buffum, 10 years' unbound Atlantics, 1858-67.	
Mrs. Noyes, 2 years' unbound Century, 1882-83.	
Number of books for circulation, . . . . .	1,151 vols.
taken out during the year, . . . . .	1,224 ..
persons taking out books, . . . . .	214

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### *Receipts.*

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1884, . . . . .	\$41 16
Received of town treasurer, appropriation for 1884, . . . . .	100 00
Fines, . . . . .	83
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	\$141 99

### *Payments.*

Covering paper, mucilage, etc., . . . . .	\$0 85
Two blank books, . . . . .	1 20
Covering and repairing books, . . . . .	3 78
Henry D. Noyes & Co., 39 volumes, . . . . .	40 00
Librarian's salary, 1884, . . . . .	25 00
Cash to balance, . . . . .	71 16
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	\$141 99

ARTHUR O. BUCK,

*Treasurer and Librarian.*

## BOOK ACCOUNT OF CHARLES W. SWAIN.

*Dr.*

1884.

Feb. 1.	To books on hand, . . . . .	\$60 14
	cash paid William Ware & Co., . . . . .	28 24
	D. Appleton & Co., . . . . .	5 67
	Clark & Maynard, . . . . .	9 28
	Lee & Shepard, . . . . .	22 30
	Ginn, Heath & Co., . . . . .	4 00
	G. F. King, Merrill & Co., . . . . .	26 99
	Thompson, Brown & Co., . . . . .	47 05
	Boston School Supply Co., . . . . .	52 90
	Charles H. Whiting, . . . . .	7 50
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		\$264 07

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1885.

Feb. 1.	By books furnished North school, . . . . .	\$23 48
	South " . . . . .	14 79
	East " . . . . .	6 25
	West " . . . . .	10 46
	Centre " . . . . .	13 11
	High " . . . . .	57 55
	By cash paid express fees, . . . . .	2 00
	commission and expense, . . . . .	15 00
	cash paid treasurer, . . . . .	29 83
	books on hand, . . . . .	91 60
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		\$264 07

# A CONDENSED ABSTRACT FROM THE TOWN'S BOOKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB 1, 1885.

FRANK L. EAMES, *Treasurer.*

*Dr.* CASH.

PER CONTRA. *Cr.*

To balance in treasury at former settlement,	\$2,391 51	By cash paid town orders,	\$4,134 75
cash received of county treasurer, dog licenses,	128 62	" " for schools, — High,	512 11
" " on account of taxes 1880, '81, '82, '83,	1,805 91	" " " North,	252 08
" " " 1884,	4,962 01	" " " South,	294 87
" for town notes issued,	1,000 00	" " " East,	298 35
" for cemetery lots,	15 00	" " " West,	278 70
" from the Commonwealth, corporation tax,	19 65	" " " Centre,	298 70
" " " national bank tax,	164 58	" " interest,	169 09
" " " State aid,	369 00	" " library,	100 00
" " " school fund,	211 38	" " State tax,	660 00
" " " book account,	29 83	" " county tax,	303 60
" on account poor,	290 65	" " town's notes,	2,500 00
" " " wood, cut on town's land,	72 73	" " book account,	203 93
" received for old lumber,	1 89	balance carried forward to new account,	1,456 58
	<u>\$11,462 76</u>		<u>\$11,462 76</u>

Feb. 1, 1885. To balance of cash in treasury brought forward, \$1,456 58

The undersigned, a Committee chosen on the part of the town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly cast and properly vouched, and they find remaining in the treasury fourteen hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty-eight cents.

LEWIS L. C. EAMES,  
HENRY HILLER,  
HENRY SHELTON,

WILMINGTON, Feb. 7, 1885.

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, . . . . .	\$1,456 58
Due on taxes 1881, '82, '83, . . . . .	485 52
1884, . . . . .	2,179 13
State aid, . . . . .	290 00
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	\$4,411 23

### LIABILITIES.

Note due L. C. Eames, May 1, 1876, . .	\$750 00
Otis Buck,      "      " . .	500 00
H. M. Eames, trustee, May 4,	
1883, . . . . .	148 14
First Religious Society, June 17, 1883,	300 00
Librarian Public Library, Burnap Fund,	
April 2, 1883, . . . . .	100 00
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	\$1,798 14

Interest accrued on above, . . . . .	\$69 15
Due High school, . . . . .	224 96
North   " . . . . .	55 96
South   " . . . . .	13 12
East    " . . . . .	9 64
West    " . . . . .	29 29
Centre   " . . . . .	9 29
Outstanding town orders, . . . . .	118 69
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	2,328 24
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Amount of assets exceeding liabilities, . . . . .	\$2,082 99



# STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1884.

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Date of Birth.
			1884.
1	Maud H. Ames.	Henry Ames	January 9.
2	Henry White.	Addie C. M. Ames.	January 28.
3	Mary A. Kelley.	John M. White.	February 2.
4	James A. Muse.	Margaret White.	February 5.
5	Elizabeth Kernon.	John Kelley.	February 8.
6	Joseph J. Muse.	Catharine Kelley.	February 11.
7	Margaret L. Doucett.	Frank Muse.	February 26.
8	Not named.	Rosalie Muse.	March 2.
9	Not named.	James Kernon.	April 19.
10	Frank H. Boynton.	Mary W. Kernon.	July 4.
11	Alfred E. Blaisdell.	Peter Muse.	July 19.
12	Hattie Nichols.	Fanny Muse.	July 23.
13	Myron A. Eames.	Jeremiah Doucett.	August 1.
14	Florence B. Taylor.	Annie Doucett.	September 2.
15	Clara M. Newhall.	James H. Smith.	September 21.
16	Lucy I. Nickerson.	Kate Smith.	October 8.
17	Annie Kenney.	Wm. Wallace Carter.	October 25.
18	Annie M. Snelling.	Lizzie Carter.	November 4.
19	Nellie F. Cole.	Dan W. Boynton.	November 14.
20	John W. Bobine.	Laura J. Boynton.	November 25.
21	Eola P. Fortis.	Walter Blaisdell.	December 2.
22	Lulu Stanley.	Hattie L. Blaisdell.	December 6.

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1884.

Number.	Date of Death.	NAME OF DECEASED.	Age.	Condition.	Place of Birth.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	Disease or Cause of Death.
<b>1884.</b>							
1	Jan. 7,	Benjamin F. Welch,	46 11 17	Married,	No. Andover,	George W. Welch,	Consumption.
2	Feb. 21,	Daniel R. Upton,	64 4 0	Married,	Wilmington,	Charlotte T. Welch.	Pneumonia.
3	Feb. 24,	Lorenzo Butters,	76 9 16	Married,	Wilmington,	Thomas E. Upton.	Pneumonia.
4	Feb. 25,	Annie Kittredge,	85 0 0	Widow,	Ireland,	Hannah E. Upton.	Old age.
5	Mar. 2,	Not named,	0 0 2	Female,	Wilmington,	Loami Butters,	Asphixia.
6	Mar. 3,	William Carter,	85 10 21	Single,	Wilmington,	Sarah Butters.	Old age.
7	Mar. 19,	Clarissa Upton,	42 10 19	Married,	Wilmington,	Arthur Michavoy.	Brain disease.
8	Mar. 24,	Thomas B. Flagg,	46 7 4	Married,	Kennebunk, Me.	Anna Michavoy.	Pneumonia.
9	April 1,	Lizzie J. Carter,	25 11 6	Married,	Tewksbury,	James Smith,	Consumption.
10	April 3,	William Ames,	80 6 0	Married,	Boston,	Kate Smith.	Pneumonia.
11	April 29,	Still born,	0 0 0	Female,	Wilmington,	Benjamin Carter,	Still born.
12	May 5,	Mary J. White,	20 11 28	Married,	Nova Scotia,	Elizabeth Carter.	Consumption.
13	May 10,	Nathan Buck,	90 6 23	Widower,	Wilmington,	Joshua Gowing,	Old age.

14	June 1,	William Carter,	71	2	21	Widower,	Burlington,	William Carter,	Apoplexy.
15	Aug. 3,	Mary Damon,	72	5	0	Married,	No. Reading,	Mary Carter.	Consumption.
16	Aug. 23,	Charles Walsh,	72	7	23	Married,	Ireland,	James Taylor, Sarah Taylor.	Bronchitis.
17	Sept. 1,	Louisa K. Slack,	85	1	27	Widow,	No. Reading,	John Walsh, Catherine Walsh.	Paralysis.
18	Sept. 15,	Mary A. Phelps,	74	9	15	Widow,	Wilmington,	Jethro Kenney, Mehitable Kenney.	Pneumonia.
19	Sept. 17,	Lydia J. Welch,	47	7	11	Widow,	Boston,	Josiah Clark, Polly Clark.	Heart disease.
20	Sept. 28,	Mary A. Ames,	74	3	0	Widow,	Portsmouth, N. H.	Daniel Welch, Mary Welch.	Paralysis.
21	Oct. 26,	Elizabeth Bond,	58	0	0	Married,	Ireland,	Not known.	Heart disease.
22	Nov. 19,	Dolly Harnden,	90	3	5	Single,	Wilmington,	Patrick Bremen, Mary Bremen.	Old age.
23	Nov. 28,	John R. Goodwin,	67	0	0	Married,	Sandwich, Mass.,	Josiah Harnden, Dolly Harnden.	Killed on railroad, shackling ears.
24	Nov. 30,	Joseph Gowing,	93	10	15	Widower,	Wilmington,	Benjamin Goodwin, Susan Goodwin.	Congestion of the lungs.
25	Dec. 10,	Joseph H. Putnam,	18	11	0	Single,	Wilmington,	Joseph Gowing, Sarah Gowing.	Consumption.
								William H. Putnam, Eliza A. Putnam.	

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1884.

Number.	Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Name of Parents.
1	1884. Jan. 20, .	William H. White, Josephine Bobine, .	22 20	Wilmington, Wilmington.	Farmer,	Nova Scotia, . Nova Scotia, .	Peter and Elizabeth White. Barney and Margaret Bobine.
2	May 24, .	George F. Lane, Mary A. Butters, .	32 21	Burlington, Wilmington,	Teamster,	Bedford, Mass., Burlington, .	George and Sarah Lane. Stephen O. and Natalie Butters.
3	Oct. 1, .	Charles E. Burnham, Mary L. Pearson, .	24 22	Worcester, Wilmington,	Clerk,	Worcester, Wilmington, .	Woodbridge and Olive T. Burnham. James K. and Ellen M. Pearson.
4	Nov. 25, .	Eugene G. Shaw, Harriet A. Sheldon, .	27 28	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Farmer,	Haverhill, Wilmington, .	Andrew F. and Martha E. Shaw. H. Allen and Catherine E. Sheldon.
5	Dec. 24, .	Joseph Justin Bond, Margaret Maria Cole,	22 22	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Book-keeper,	Wilmington, England, . .	Thomas D. and Olive T. Bond. George and Jane A. Cole.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,  
FOR THE YEAR 1884-85.

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## REPORT.

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In presenting our annual report, we shall, for various reasons, omit the customary criticisms of individual teachers and schools. We prefer to speak of our common schools in general terms only.

Good discipline has been secured in all the schools, and all the teachers are deserving the most hearty commendation for their faithful services.

Good progress has been made in all the schools, and we are of the opinion that our schools were never in better condition, in many respects, than at the present time.

Irregular attendance is still a glaring fault in some of our common schools, and we would again urge upon both parents and pupils the necessity of constant attendance. Punctuality and faithfulness are more valuable to a pupil than the mere intellectual grasp of the school lessons; these of course are lost by inconstant attendance.

Only the teacher and the most faithful scholar can appreciate the harm done to a class by frequent absence on the part of members of the class, in the loss of interest and hindrance to progress.

### MORAL INSTRUCTION.

The statutes of the Commonwealth make it the duty of all "instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice and a sacred regard to truth; love of their country, humanity and universal benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society, and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and

capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above mentioned virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution and secure the blessings of liberty as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices."

And it is also made the duty of "the resident ministers of the gospel, the selectmen and the school committee to exert their influence and use their best endeavors that the youth of their town shall *regularly* attend the schools established for their instruction."

### FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

The new law in regard to free text-books went into operation the first of last August. It is, perhaps, too early to express a very decided opinion as to its expediency, still we believe it will result in giving our schools a better average attendance, from the fact that pupils cannot offer as an excuse for non-attendance that they have no books, as under the new law, all pupils will be furnished with books and *all* school supplies at the opening of the schools.

Following is a copy of the law spoken of, and to which we respectfully invite the attention of all interested in education:—

SECTION 1. The school committee of every city and town shall purchase, at the expense of said city or town, text-books and other school supplies used in the public schools; and said text-books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of said public schools free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations, as to care and custody, as the school committee may prescribe.

SECT. 2. Pupils supplied with text-books at the time of the passage of this act shall not be supplied with similar books by the committee until needed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon the first day of August, eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

### SCHOOL-HOUSES.

All our school-houses now present a very creditable outside appearance, especially the West School-house, which has been repainted. Sanitary reasons alone require the whitening of the inner walls. The expense will be trifling compared to the advantages secured.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The spring term of the High School was in charge of Mr. F. H. Pease, who endeavored to improve its scholarship. The deportment of the school was excellent, and reflected much credit upon both teacher and scholars. At the close of the spring term Mr. Pease accepted a similar position in another town, and your Committee were under the necessity of engaging a new teacher. Fortunately they secured the services of Mr. Sidney E. Bailey, a graduate of Amherst College, who has very successfully taught the fall and winter terms.

Mr. Bailey is a thorough scholar, and has gained the respect and confidence of the community. We hope his services will be secured for the spring term.

The graduating exercises of the High School were held Thursday evening, June 19th, at the Town Hall. The exercises showed evidence of careful preparation, and were very creditable to teacher and pupils. The devotional exercise was conducted by Rev. Mr. Webber of the Methodist Church. The teacher, Mr. Pease, made a brief congratulatory speech, expressive of his kindly interest in the welfare of the class who were soon to enter upon the active duties of life. The diplomas were presented by the chairman of the committee. The following are the names of the graduating class:—

Helen Howard Buck.

Emma Elizabeth Hamlen.

Kate Howard Milligan.

Abbie Frances Sheldon.

Mary Gowing Swain.

Arthur Brewster Carter.

Bernard Ferdinand Doucette.

## CENTRE SCHOOL.

At the close of the spring term of the Centre school, Miss C. Francis Buck resigned her position as teacher. Miss Buck has been a faithful, popular and successful teacher in our schools. She is now a student at Wellesley College.

At the closing examination of her school Miss Buck was presented with a very handsome napkin ring by her pupils.

Miss Charlotte S. Buck, a graduate of Salem Normal School, was appointed her successor, and we are glad to say that we believe she has sustained the reputation which this school has secured as being one of our best schools.



In our last report brief mention was made of the resignation of Mrs. Lizzie H. Carter on account of illness. After months of wasting disease and suffering she was called to her eternal home.

Mrs. Carter possessed a lovely Christian character, and her influence for good upon the minds and hearts of her pupils will be felt for years to come. Her kind instruction, and her devotion to the moral welfare of her pupils, were often noticed and will be long remembered.

Our schools have been favored with visits from John T. Prince, Esq., Agent of the State Board of Education. Mr. Prince, after visiting the schools, met the teachers and committee at the High School room and gave a very instructive address upon the following topics: "What is Good School Discipline?" "The Art of Reading," "Methods of Teaching Geography and Arithmetic," illustrating the several topics upon the blackboard. We consider his visit a benefit to our schools, and hope he will make more frequent visits in the future.

We are frequently asked why we do not raise the standard of our High School. We answer for the reason that if we should raise the standard we should not have a sufficient number of pupils who would pass the required examination. We have designedly fixed the standard of admission so low that pupils of suitable age and studious habits can be admitted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. SWAIN,  
ARTHUR O. BUCK,

*School Committee.*

WILMINGTON, Feb. 14, 1885.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

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### HIGH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Helen H. Buck, Mary G. Swain, L. Maude Taylor, Edgar C. Folkins, Robert H. Gowing, Willard F. Lowe. *Fall Term:* Nettie M. Buck, Emma A. Murray, Carrie M. Swain, Aldice G. Eames, Frank G. Folkins, Edgar C. Folkins, Robert H. Gowing, Willard F. Lowe.

### NORTH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Mabel A. Pike, Alice M. Pike, Carrie E. Pike, Irving Batcheller, J. Doucette, Charles Hamlen. *Fall Term:* Herbert A. Harnden.

### WEST SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Sarah P. Gowing, Willie Ormsby. *Fall Term:* Charles V. Blaisdell.

### SOUTH SCHOOL.

*Fall Term:* Amy F. Taylor. *Winter Term:* John R. McIntosh.

### CENTRE SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Frank Folkins. *Fall Term:* Albert G. Ames, Harry N. Ames, George L. Perry. *Winter Term:* Albert G. Ames, Harry N. Ames, George L. Perry.

### EAST SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Willis H. Carter, Emma A. Murray, Charlie F. Perry, Carrie M. Swain, Etta A. Swain, Hattie S. Taylor. *Fall Term:* Maurice A. Buck, Fred S. Hutchinson, Charlie F. Perry, Etta A. Swain. *Winter Term:* Willis H. Carter, Charlie F. Perry, Etta A. Swain.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Term.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attend- ance.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Length of Time.	Salary per month.
High, .	Mr. Frank H. Pease, .	Spring, .	18	17	-	11	3	24 months, .	\$48 00
" .	Mr. Sidney E. Bailey, .	Fall, .	27	25	-	4	16	" .	48 00
" .	" .	Winter, .	25	19	-	4	16	In session, .	48 00
North, .	Miss Mary J. Whittemore, .	Spring, .	40	27	-	2	31	34 months, .	32 00
" .	" .	Fall, .	43	28	-	3	30	" .	32 00
" .	" .	Winter, .	32	-	-	-	-	In session, .	32 00
East, .	Miss H. Ida Perry, .	Spring, .	19	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	-	11	3 months, .	32 00
" .	" .	Fall, .	16	12 $\frac{3}{5}$	-	-	7	" .	32 00
" .	" .	Winter, .	13	11	-	-	5	" .	32 00
Centre, .	Miss C. Frances Buck, .	Spring, .	43	28 $\frac{7}{5}$	1	1	29	34 months, .	32 00
" .	Miss Charlotte S. Buck, .	Fall, .	43	38	1	-	30	" .	32 00
" .	" .	Winter, .	37	32	-	-	28	" .	32 00
South, .	Miss Blan Alexander, .	Spring, .	29	16	2	-	26	34 months, .	32 00
" .	" .	Fall, .	31	21	-	1	16	" .	32 00
" .	" .	Winter, .	23	8	-	1	12	" .	32 00
West, .	Miss Nellie L. Buck, .	Spring, .	19	16	-	2	9	34 months, .	28 00
" .	" .	Fall, .	15	14	1	-	9	" .	32 00
" .	" .	Winter, .	10	5	-	-	8	" .	32 00

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Edward M. Nichols, Constable of the Town of Wilmington, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town Hall, on Monday, the second day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock, A.M., to act upon the following articles, viz.: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear reports of committees and to act thereon.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate to defray annual expenses and pay town debts.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the select schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

ART. 10. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes under the direction of the selectmen, the money so raised to be paid out of this year's taxes.

ART. 12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? Yes or no.

ART. 13. To see if the town will adopt any measures for furnishing fuel for the town house and the several schools for the year ensuing.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended in improving the grounds of the cemetery.

ART. 15. To see if the town will set apart a lot in the cemetery, to be called and used as the Volunteers' lot.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of the Volunteers' lot.

ART. 17. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support and repairs of public buildings.

ART. 18. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for adorning and embellishing the common the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to cattle running at large upon the highways.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a barn upon the poor farm.

ART. 21. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for shingling and painting the poor-house.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in relation to the proposition of Dolly Harnden.

ART. 23. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for a safe, for the safe keeping of the town records.

ART. 24. To see what action the town will take in relation to a new town hall or high-school building.

ART. 25. To see what action the town will take in relation to making a survey of the town and drawing a map of the same.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Wilmington, this twelfth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
WM. H. CARTER,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Selectmen of Wilmington.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,  
FROM  
FEBRUARY 1, 1885, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1886,  
AND  
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1885-86;  
AND ALSO THE  
REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1885.

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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

EDWARD A. CARTER, *Chairman.*

J. HOWARD EAMES.

SYLVESTER CARTER.

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Town Clerk.

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

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Town Treasurer.

FRANK L. EAMES.

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School Committee.

PUTNAM WEBBER, . . .	Term expires March, 1888.
ARTHUR O. BUCK, . . .	“ “ “ 1887.
OTHNIEL EAMES, . . .	“ “ “ 1886.

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Trustees of Public Library.

OTIS C. BUCK, . . .	Term expires March, 1888.
WARREN EAMES, . . .	“ “ “ 1888.
SIDNEY C. BUCK, . . .	“ “ “ 1887.
CHARLES W. SWAIN, . . .	“ “ “ 1887.
OTIS GOWING, . . .	“ “ “ 1889.
ARTHUR O. BUCK, . . .	“ “ “ 1886.

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Treasurer and Librarian of Public Library.

ARTHUR O. BUCK.

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Collector of Taxes.

DARIUS BUCK.

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Constable.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

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Auditors of Accounts.

CHESTER W. CLARK.

HENRY HILLER.

WARREN EAMES.

*Fence Viewers.*

JOHN W. PERRY.

Z. T. WHITE.

H. ALLEN SHIELDON.

*Scaler of Weights and Measures.*

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

*Surbeyors of Lumber.*

SILAS BROWN.

HENRY SHIELDON.

GEORGE W. HORTON.

EDWARD A. CARTER.

Z. T. WHITE.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

HENRY B. NICHOLS.

Z. T. WHITE.

HENRY SHIELDON.

EDWARD A. CARTER.

GEORGE W. HORTON.

*Public Weighers of Merchandise.*

EDWARD M. NICHOLS, for the Centre.

W. WARREN CARTER, for the North part of the Town.

HENRY BUCK, for the South part of the Town.

*Measurers of Leather.*

Z. T. WHITE.

JAMES E. KELLEY

*Field Drivers.*

J. HOWARD EAMES, for the East.

A. PORTER PEARSON, for the North.

GEORGE T. EAMES, for the Centre.

JOHN BAILEY, for the South.

JAMES HALE, for the West.

*Pound Keeper.*

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

*Cemetery Committee.*

HENRY SHIELDON,	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1888
LEVI SWAIN,	.	.	.	" " " 1887
EDWARD M. NICHOLS,	.	.	.	" " " 1886

## Superintendent of Almshouse.

WESLEY NASON.

## Surveyors of Highways.

DISTRICT	No. 1,	.	.	.	HENRY B. NICHOLS.
"	No. 2,	.	.	.	WM. H. CARTER, 2d.
"	No. 3,	.	.	.	GEORGE W. SIDELINKER.
"	No. 4,	.	.	.	H. ALLEN SHELDON.
"	No. 5,	.	.	.	BERNARD McENROE.
"	No. 6,	.	.	.	JOHN BAILEY.
"	No. 7,	.	.	.	CHARLES HOPKINS.
"	No. 8,	.	.	.	WALTER D. CARTER.
"	No. 9,	.	.	.	WESLEY NASON.
"	No. 10,	.	.	.	WM. H. BOUTWELL.
"	No. 11,	.	.	.	EDWARD MEARS.
"	No. 12,	.	.	.	OTIS CARTER.
"	No. 13,	.	.	.	SYLVESTER CARTER.

## Common Committee.

OTIS C. BUCK,	.	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1888.
LEVI SWAIN,	.	.	.	.	" " " 1887.
THOMAS P. EAMES,	.	.	.	.	" " " 1886.

## Special Police.

WM. WARREN CARTER.

## List of Jurors, revised October, 1885.

GEORGE W. SIDELINKER.	FRANK W. KIDDER.
FREDERICK S. WHITE.	ARTHUR W. EAMES.
JAMES E. KELLEY.	WM. H. BOUTWELL.
HENRY L. CARTER.	DARIUS BUCK.
EDWARD BUCK.	LEVI F. MANNING.
J. HENRY BUCK.	H. ALLEN SHELDON.
S. WARREN TAYLOR.	EDWARD A. CARTER.

Paid County Treasurer \$139.80 on account of Dog Licenses in 1885.

WILLIAM H. CARTER,

Town Clerk.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

## EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward A. Carter, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, .	\$150 00
J. Howard Eames, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, .	100 00
Sylvester Carter, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, .	100 00
William H. Carter, for services as Town Clerk, . . . . .	20 00
Frank L. Eames, for services as Town Treas- urer, . . . . .	50 00
Darius Buck, for services as Collector of Taxes, . . . . .	110 00
Edward M. Nichols, for services as Constable,	25 00
Othniel Eames, for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	35 00
Arthur O. Buck, for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	20 00
Putnam Webber, for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	25 00
Othniel Eames, for services as Moderator, .	3 00
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	\$638 00

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The amount expended by the several Surveyors, viz. :—

District No. 1.	Paid H. B. Nichols, . . . . .	\$101 32
2.	William H. Carter, 2d, . . . . .	92 29
3.	George W. Sidelinker, . . . . .	130 77
4.	H. Allen Sheldon, . . . . .	130 66
5.	Bernard McEnroe, . . . . .	125 52
6.	John Bailey, . . . . .	80 00
7.	Charles Hopkins, . . . . .	81 43
8.	Walter D. Carter, . . . . .	87 00

District No. 9.	Wesley Nason, . . .	\$110 56
10.	William H. Boutwell, .	92 90
11.	Edward Mears, . . .	83 03
12.	Otis Carter, . . .	100 05
13.	Sylvester Carter, . .	78 86
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		\$1,294 39

The amount expended for the repairs of roads and bridges, . . . . . \$53 68

The amount expended for removing snow :—

District No. 1, . . . . .	\$7 33
2, . . . . .	4 51
3, . . . . .	13 29
4, . . . . .	8 33
5, . . . . .	5 12
6, . . . . .	3 00
7, . . . . .	4 75
8, . . . . .	7 00
9, . . . . .	4 74
10, . . . . .	2 67
11, . . . . .	8 08
12, . . . . .	5 00
13, . . . . .	7 50
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	\$81 32

The amount expended for repairs on public buildings, . . . . . \$44 21

amount expended for building barn on the town farm, . . . . . 1,199 55

amount expended for repairs at the almshouse, . . . . . 224 24

amount expended for improving the common, . . . . . 41 13

amount expended for improving the cemetery, . . . . . 35 93

amount expended for school books and supplies, . . . . . 215 51

amount expended for public library, . . . . . 100 00

amount expended for safe, . . . . . 400 00

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid James A. Bancroft, for revising plan of town, . . . \$15 00

Wright & Potter, for printing town reports, . . . . . 52 00

F. O. Dewey & Sons, for lamps for town hall, . . . . . 5 50

Sylvester Carter, for wood for town hall, . . . . . 4 50



Paid Daniel N. Pearson, for police duty Fair Day in 1884, . . . . .	\$2 00
S. S. Porter, for police duty Fair Day, . . . . .	2 00
Levi Swain, for police duty Fair Day, . . . . .	2 00
Auditing Committee, . . . . .	6 00
Clerk of Courts, . . . . .	1 20
Othniel Eames, for taking census of school children, . . . . .	6 00
Walter Blaisdell, for sawing wood for town house, . . . . .	2 00
F. F. Brown, for returning births to town clerk, . . . . .	1 75
J. P. Bixby, for returning births to town clerk, . . . . .	2 25
J. O. Dow, for returning births to town clerk, . . . . .	1 00
E. G. Avery, for printing tax bills, . . . . .	3 25
Warren Eames, for wood for town house, . . . . .	5 00
E. A. Carter, for tax book for collector, . . . . .	1 00
for car fare, postage, expressing and stationery, . . . . .	2 50
for lowering the topmast of the flagstaff, . . . . .	50
E. M. Nichols, for insurance on town barn, . . . . .	30 00
for insurance on almshouse, . . . . .	18 00
for care of town hall, . . . . .	15 00
for returning 19 deaths to the town clerk, . . . . .	4 75
for ringing bell, . . . . .	5 00
for removing insane person to the State Almshouse, . . . . .	2 00
for perambulating town lines, . . . . .	1 50
William H. Carter, for returning 28 births to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, . . . . .	14 00
for returning 14 marriages to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, . . . . .	2 10
for returning 19 deaths to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, . . . . .	3 80

Paid William H. Carter journey to Reading to	
qualify representative,	\$2 00
express matter, . . .	2 75
one book for indexing, .	1 25
postage, . . . . .	1 35
stationery, . . . . .	2 17
for services as clerk of	
board of registrars, .	5 00
for justice's commissions,	2 00
Charles H. Whiting, for cash book for town	
treasurer, . . . . .	3 75
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	\$231 87

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THEIR LAST ANNUAL MEETING.

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED.		AMOUNT EXPENDED.	
For town officers, . . .	\$600 00	For town officers, . . .	\$638 00
state aid, . . . . .	300 00	state aid, . . . . .	300 00
roads and bridges, . .	150 00	roads and bridges, . .	53 68
interest on town notes,	50 00	interest on town notes,	171 43
miscellaneous ex-		miscellaneous ex-	
penses, . . . . .	200 00	penses, . . . . .	231 87
support of highways,	1,300 00	support of highways,	1,294 39
support of public li-		support of public li-	
brary, . . . . .	100 00	brary, . . . . .	100 00
removing snow, . . .	100 00	removing snow, . . .	81 32
improving common, .	50 00	improving common, .	41 13
improving cemetery,	75 00	improving cemetery,	35 93
building barn at the		building barn at the	
town farm, . . . .	1,200 00	town farm, . . . .	1,199 55
repairs at the alms-		repairs at the alms-	
house, . . . . .	300 00	house, . . . . .	224 24
support of common		support of common	
schools, . . . . .	1,200 00	schools, . . . . .	1,276 14
support of select		support of select	
school, . . . . .	550 00	school, . . . . .	419 32
support of poor, . . .	600 00	support of poor, . . .	1,342 28
safe, . . . . .	450 00	safe, . . . . .	400 00
repairs of public build-		repairs of public build-	
ings, . . . . .	100 00	ings, . . . . .	44 21
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	\$7,325 00		\$7,853 49

## STATE AID.

Paid Frank M. Boynton, . . . . .	\$144 00
Merrill Hutchinson, . . . . .	60 00
Phebe F. Simpson, . . . . .	48 00
Harriet Young, . . . . .	48 00
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	\$300 00

## VALUATION FOR 1885.

Real estate, . . . . .	\$499,437 00
Personal estate, . . . . .	72,035 00
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Total valuation, . . . . .	\$571,472 00
Amount of taxes assessed in 1885, . . . . .	\$8,286 87
Rate of taxation for general tax \$13.50 per \$1,000.	

## ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

For the year 1883, Darius Buck, Collector, . . . . .	\$74 97
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## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm, . . . . .	\$5,000 00
Personal property at town farm, . . . . .	1,249 63
Eldad Butters place, . . . . .	75 00
Town house, . . . . .	1,800 00
Schoolhouses and furniture, . . . . .	6,800 00
Town scales and sealer's office, . . . . .	250 00.
Two hearses, . . . . .	375 00
Cemetery land and lots, . . . . .	800 00
Furniture in town hall and selectmen's office, . . . . .	450 00
Public library and furniture, . . . . .	1,000 00
Lockup, . . . . .	300 00
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	\$18,099 63

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
J. HOWARD EAMES,  
SYLVESTER CARTER,

*Selectmen and Assessors of Wilmington.*

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Registered Number	NAMES.	Age.	Remarks.
7	Fannie Butters, . .	45	
8	Albert Carter, . .	66	
22	Charlotte Butters, . .	13	
43	Eldad Butters, . .	74	
42	Mary Butters, . .	69	

Whole number during the year, . . . . . 5

Present number, . . . . . 5

Three hundred and ninety-nine lodgings and nine hundred and twenty-six meals have been furnished to vagrants.

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FEBRUARY 1, 1886.

Live stock, . . . . .	\$257 00
Farming tools, etc., . . . . .	459 95
Provisions, etc., . . . . .	121 85
Coal, wood and lumber, . . . . .	72 00
Household furniture, . . . . .	319 83
Contents of lobby, . . . . .	19 00
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	\$1,249 63

## EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Charles E. Hudson for groceries and grain, .	\$123 55
Jonathan Carter for groceries and grain, .	72 71
Henry Ames for groceries and grain, .	85 97
Superintendent's salary for two months, .	50 00
R. Dexter Temple for horse cart, . . . . .	32 00
Henry Davis for crackers, . . . . .	22 56
Wesley Nason, balance due on settlement, .	6 49

Paid J. Howard Eames for one pair of oxen,	\$183 40
J. Howard Eames for one cow,	40 00
J. Howard Eames for meat,	27 10
J. P. Bixby for medical attendance,	1 00
H. Allen Sheldon for stone drag,	4 00
George E. Carter for meat,	17 76
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	\$666 54

## OUTSIDE POOR SUPPLIED.

Paid town of Woburn for aid rendered Bernard Kernan,	\$3 45
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## WESLEY NASON'S ACCOUNT AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries,	\$ 31 41
pigs,	26 50
dry-goods and clothing,	32 41
repairing harness,	6 50
seeds and seed potatoes,	2 84
grinding corn,	1 36
labor,	124 49
meat,	33 90
use of bull,	3 00
butchering hogs,	4 50
fish,	12 54
oil and brooms,	1 37
repairing clocks,	1 25
tinware and potash,	3 57
eggs,	1 25
gravel for highway,	6 24
blacksmith's bill,	8 52
salt cucumbers,	25
use of sewing-machine,	4 00
blank book,	30
rope and seed potatoes,	70
boots and shoes,	4 05
grain and soap,	7 15
medicines and disinfectant,	2 03
crackers,	28 53
fowls,	2 00
crockery and glassware,	3 21



Paid for cash received,	\$2 92
hardware,	5 18
repairing pumps,	5 20
curtains and fixtures,	1 65
rubber blanket,	1 25
churn,	6 68
ice and car fare,	1 05
use of cart,	1 64
exchange of cow,	10 00
making cider,	1 00
harness,	1 25
old lumber and whip,	2 15
pasturing cow,	5 00
superphosphate,	20 00
repairs on clothes-wringer,	2 90
lamp shade,	15
farming tools,	1 10
matches,	25
doctor's bill,	2 50
Cash paid Superintendent's salary, 10 months,	250 00
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	\$675 74

## RECEIPTS.

Received for one pair of oxen,	\$170 34
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## RECEIPTS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Received for milk,	\$184 91
butter,	13 17
potatoes,	77 34
vegetables,	22 79
labor,	189 44
pork,	53 84
apples,	42 05
cranberries,	40 90
eggs,	10 93
berries,	2 71
straw,	1 85
board,	3 60
lumber,	1 20
calves,	33 37

Received for chickens,	.	.	.	.	.	\$2 95
cash,	.	.	.	.	.	3 30
rags,	.	.	.	.	.	75
tobacco,	.	.	.	.	.	36
barrels,	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
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						\$686 46

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Total expense at the almshouse,	.	.	.	.	\$1,342 28
Receipts,	.	.	.	.	856 80
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Net expense at the almshouse,	.	.	.	.	\$485 48
Expense outside,	.	.	.	.	3 45
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Net expense of poor inside and outside of the alms-					
house,	.	.	.	.	\$488 93

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
J. HOWARD EAMES,  
SYLVESTER CARTER,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

BOOK ACCOUNT OF PUTNAM WEBBER, *Agent*.*Dr.*

1885.

Feb. 1.	To books received from C. W. Swain,	\$91 60
	cash paid Henry D. Noyes & Co., .	99 96
	Ginn & Co., . . . .	45 07
	Boston School Supply Co.,	23 45
	Thompson, Brown & Co ,	16 87
	William Ware & Co., .	12 60
	Knight, Adams & Co., .	6 04
	Lee & Shepard, . . .	4 00
	Cowperthwait & Co., .	2 52
	Prang Educational Co., .	1 90
	Geo. F. King & Merrill, .	1 85
	Harrison, Hume & Co., .	1 25
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		\$307 11

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1886.

Feb. 1.	By books furnished North School, . .	\$11 67
	South " . . . .	11 73
	East " . . . .	13 67
	West " . . . .	8 07
	Centre " . . . .	43 64
	High " . . . .	124 24
	cash paid for printing, . . . .	2 00
	expressing, . . . .	70
	commission, . . . .	8 00
	cash on hand, . . . .	2 66
	books on hand, . . . .	80 73
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		\$307 11

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Public documents received, . . . . .	5 vols.
From Mrs. Noyes, 8 years' Atlantic and 2 years' Century Magazines.	
Number of books for circulation, . . . . .	1,331 vols.
taken out during the year, . . . . .	1,299 "
persons taking out books, . . . . .	214

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Receipts.*

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1885, . . . . .	\$71 16
Received of town treasurer, appropriation for 1885, . . . . .	100 00
Fines, . . . . .	60
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	\$171 76

*Payments.*

Covering paper, glue, mucilage and bolt, . . . . .	\$2 75
Henry D. Noyes & Co., books, . . . . .	95 73
binding 28 vols. maga's, . . . . .	14 00
DeWolf, Fisk & Co., books, . . . . .	18 34
W. B. Clarke & Carruth, books, . . . . .	4 20
Preparing new books, . . . . .	2 70
Covering and repairing books, . . . . .	4 05
Express on books and magazines, . . . . .	1 85
Librarian's salary, 1885, . . . . .	25 00
Cash to balance, . . . . .	3 14
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	\$171 76

ARTHUR O. BUCK,

*Treasurer and Librarian.*

# A CONDENSED ABSTRACT FROM THE TOWN'S BOOKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1886. FRANK L. EAMES, *Treasurer.*

Dr.	CASH.	PER CONTRA.		Cr.
		By cash paid town orders.	for schools,—	
To balance in treasury at former settlement,	\$1,456 58		High,	\$5,752 64
cash received of county treasurer, dog licenses,	128 04		North,	419 32
" " on account of taxes, 1882, '83, .	437 52		South,	321 50
" " " " 1884, .	1,849 68		East,	235 25
" " " " 1885, .	6,201 13		West,	237 70
" for town notes issued, . . . . .	2,500 00		Centre,	236 25
" for cemetery lots, . . . . .	140 00	" interest, . . . . .		245 44
" from the Commonwealth, corporation tax,	2 57	" State tax, . . . . .		171 43
" " national bank tax, . . . . .	97 43	" county tax, . . . . .		495 00
" " State aid, ch. 301, acts '79,	218 00	" town's notes, . . . . .		403 44
" " " " ch. 252, acts '79,	72 00	taxes on land owned by the town,		4,298 14
" " " school fund, . . . . .	209 63	balance carried forward to new account,		21 60
" received on account poor, . . . . .	170 34			912 81
" " interest on taxes,				\$13,750 52
" " 1882, '83, '84, '85,	132 15			
" of Dexter Carter, bequest of the				
late Dolly Harnden, . . . . .	100 00			
" for rent of town hall, . . . . .	12 00			
" " old barn at almshouse, . . . . .	23 45			
	\$13,750 52			
Feb. 1, 1886. Balance brought forward to new				
account, . . . . .	\$912 81			

The undersigned, a Committee chosen on the part of the town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly cast and properly vouched, and they find remaining in the treasury nine hundred and twelve dollars and eighty-one cents.

CHESTER W. CLARK, }  
HENRY HILLER, } *Auditors.*  
WARREN EAMES, }



## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, . . . . .	\$912 81
Due on taxes, 1882, '83, . . . . .	49 80
1884, . . . . .	329 45
1885, . . . . .	2,075 22
State aid, . . . . .	300 00
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	\$3,667 28

### LIABILITIES.

Due High School, . . . . .	\$355 64
North " . . . . .	42 05
South " . . . . .	85 39
East " . . . . .	79 46
West " . . . . .	100 56
Centre " . . . . .	71 37
Outstanding town orders, . . . . .	81 58
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	816 05
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Amount of assets exceeding liabilities, . . . . .	\$2,851 23

## STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1885.

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Date of Birth.
			1885.
1	Arthur H. Rand.	{ George H. Rand. Gertrude M. Rand.	January 21.
2	Ethel M. Taylor.	{ Charles A. Taylor. Susan M. Taylor.	January 28.
3	Thomas J. Hoban.	{ John W. Hoban. Mary Hoban.	March 8.
4	Nellie G. Brown.	{ Alfred P. Brown. Annie M. Brown.	March 16.
5	Katie Smith.	{ James H. Smith. Katie T. Smith.	April 8.
6	Alden Noyes Eames.	{ Warren Eames. Elizabeth A. Eames.	April 11.
7	Clarence E. Carter.	{ Wm. Warren Carter. Henrietta V. Carter.	April 22.
8	Simon A. Doucette.	{ Joseph Doucette. Ann J. Doucette	April 28.
9	Charles H. Buck.	{ J. Henry Buck. Catherine T. Buck.	May 9.
10	Harlan H. Kidder.	{ Frank W. Kidder. Mary A. Kidder.	May 21.
11	Lucy R. Haynes.	{ Joseph R. Haynes. Jane M. Haynes.	May 26.
12	James Conway, Jr.	{ James Conway. Maria Conway.	June 7.
13	Lewis T. McMahon.	{ Thomas McMahon. Isabella McMahon.	June 10.
14	Ellen Doyle.	{ James Doyle. Catherine Doyle.	June 12.
15	Lillian Byron.	{ Terence F. Byron. Mary G. Byron.	June 25.
16	Winfield Holt.	{ Martin F. Holt. Ella L. Holt.	June 28.
17	Mandie E. Young.	{ Edward Young. Emeline Young.	July 26.
18	Inez L. Shea.	{ Jeremiah F. Shea. Nellie G. Shea.	August 14.
19	Edith L. Murray.	{ James W. Murray. Alice J. Murray.	August 20.
20	Alice C. Swain.	{ Laurence C. Swain. Mina A. Swain.	September 22.

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Date of Birth.
			1885.
21	George McCue.	{ Thomas McCue. Mary A. McCue. }	September 24.
22	Edna H. Eames.	{ J. Howard Eames. Mattie A. Eames. }	September 30.
32	Charles W. White.	{ Wm. H. White. Agnes White. }	October 3.
24	Helen A. Emerson.	{ Arthur G. Emerson. Emily F. Emerson. }	October 9.
25	Phebe A. Frost.	{ Wm. A. Frost. Phebe E. Frost. }	October 16.
26	Ethel Olive Bond.	{ Joseph J. Bond. Margaret M. Bond. }	October 16.
27	Oscar Lewis Miller.	{ Charles L. Miller. Mary A. Miller. }	November 21.
82	Olivia H. Norcross.	{ Daniel C. Norcross. Ida M. G. Norcross. }	November 30.

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1885.

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Number.	Date of Death.	NAME OF DECEASED.	Age.	Condition.	Place of Birth.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	Disease or cause of Death.	
	1885.		Y.	M.	D.			
1	Jan. 7,	Annie D. Martin,	17	6	7	Single,	Wilmington, . . .	Consumption.
2	Jan. 12,	Samuel Ward, Jr.,	41	2	14	Married,	East Cambridge, . .	Consumption.
3	Feb. 27,	Alfred E. Blaisdell,	0	8	8	Single,	Wilmington, . . .	Congestion of the brain.
4	Mar. 3,	Lulu Standley,	0	3	0	Single,	Wilmington, . . .	Cholera Infantum.
5	April 2,	Nancy Harnden,	82	10	5	Widow,	Wilmington, . . .	Heart disease.
6	April 5,	Benjamin Buck,	87	6	0	Widower,	Wilmington. . . .	Bright's disease of the kidneys.
7	June 23,	Sarah Martin,	46	0	0	Married,	Ireland. . . . .	Consumption.
8	July 17,	Lizzie I. Babine,	1	7	12	Single,	Wilmington. . . .	Brain disease.
9	Aug. 2,	Helen B. Varney,	36	9	0	Married,	Eastport, Me., . .	Consumption.
10	Aug. 3,	Ellen Doyle,	0	1	21	Single,	Wilmington, . . .	Consumption.
11	Aug. 23,	Harriet J. Holt,	48	11	14	Widow,	Boston. . . . .	Bright's disease.

12	Aug. 24,	Lillian Byron,	0	2	0	Child,	Wilmington,	Tery Byron, Mary G. Byron.	Cholera Infantum.
13	Sept. 3,	Wesley D. Eames,	4	0	0	Child,	Wilmington,	George T. Eames, Lucy E. Eames.	Cerebral Effusion.
14	Sept. 4,	Samuel Ward, Jr.,	6	4	0	Child,	Wilmington,	Samuel Ward, Lillie B. Ward.	Dysentery.
15	Sept. 19,	Timothy Martin,	48	0	0	Widower,	Ireland,	Patrick Martin, Hannah Martin.	Consumption.
16	Sept. 25,	Robert L. Eames,	10	1	0	Child,	Wilmington,	George T. Eames, Lucy E. Eames.	Dysentery.
17	Nov. 20,	Mary Eames,	81	3	18	Widow,	Wilmington,	Nathan Buck, Betsey T. Buck.	Paralysis.
18	Nov. 22,	Olive T. Bond,	63	10	0	Married,	Tewksbury,	Samuel Thompson, Lucy Thompson.	Anæmia.
19	Nov. 26,	Michael Casey,	30	0	0	Married,	Ireland,	Not known, Not known.	Killed on R. R.



## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1885.

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Number.	Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Name of Parents.
<b>1885.</b>							
1	Jan. 8.	Henry Blanchard, Jr., Lillian F. Cummings,	34 27	Wilmington, Reading,	Merchant,	Wilmington, East Boston,	Henry and Rebecca L. Blanchard. Horace L. and Abbie L. Cummings.
2	April 30,	Michael Casey, Lena Amero,	30 20	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Carrier,	Ireland, Nova Scotia,	Patrick and Hannah Casey. James and Henrietta Amero.
3	May 13.	Wm. H. Carter, 2d, Clara A. Gowing,	41 35	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Merchant,	Burlington, Wilmington,	William and Susan A. Carter. Daniel and Sarah Gowing.
4	June 24.	Thomas O. Upton, Ada D. Buck,	28 25	Minneapolis, Minn. Wilmington,	Letter Carrier.	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Ambrose and Eliza J. Upton. Charles and Susan S. Buck.
5	June 8.	Wm. D. Stevens, Lillie B. Ward,	39 32	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Painter.	Standish, Me., Nova Scotia,	Daniel and Ann Stevens. Charles F. and Jane M. Hawes.
6	July 16,	Joseph Rogg, Mary Randall,	45 30	Wilmington, Lawrence,	Laborer,	Germany, Ireland,	Ignate and Cresene Rogg. Robert and Bridget Randall,
7	Aug 1.	Thomas A. Wall, Bridget O'Daniel,	25 23	Wilmington, Lowell,	Tanner,	East Indies, Ireland,	Arthur and Mary Wall. Patrick and Margaret O'Daniel.
8	Aug. 2.	Wm. H. White, Agnes White,	24 23	Wilmington, Wilmington,	R.R. Employé.	Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia,	Peter and Elizabeth White. Alexander and Rosanna White.
9	Oct. 17.	Joshua Bond, Jane A. Higgins,	56 35	Wilmington, Andover,	R.R. Employé.	England, Andover,	James and Martha Bond. William and Rosanna Higgins.

10	Oct. 21, .	Edward E. Lowe, . Harriet Ida Perry, .	26 28	Wilmington, Wilmington,	R.R. Employé,	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Timothy and Mary S. Lowe. John S. and Martha Perry.
11	Oct. 29, .	Everett B. Richardson, Ella J. Pearson, .	37 28	Reading, Wilmington,	Manufacturer,	Reading, . Wilmington,	George and Harriet Richardson. James K. and Ellen M. Pearson.
12	Dec. 24,	Edward M. Nichols, . Esther E. Killom, .	37 32	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Ins. Agent,	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Samuel B. and Phebe M. Nichols. Otis C. and Esther Buck.
13	Dec. 29,	Solomon S. Gilson, . Lizzie L. Boynton, .	34 20	Wilmington, Wilmington,	R.R. Employé,	Medford, . Wilmington,	Samuel and Joan Gilson. Frank and Diantha Boynton.
14	Dec. 31,	William T. Fames, . Lillian C. Gordon, .	26 21	Wilmington, Somerville,	Butcher,	Wilmington, Somerville,	George T. and Lucy Fames. Elias H. T. and Isabella A. Gordon.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,  
FOR THE YEAR 1885-86.

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## SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting their report of the condition of the schools for the past year, your Committee say that the several district schools have, in their opinion, made very commendable advancement in their studies, and the discipline is perfectly satisfactory.

## NORTH SCHOOL.

The North School has been in charge of Miss Mary J. Whittemore of Lowell, who has had the care of this school for several years. She has labored faithfully and successfully for the best interests of the school, and is much beloved by her pupils. We hope that her services will be retained for a long time to come.

## EAST SCHOOL.

The East School was, during the spring term, under the care of Miss H. Ida Perry. Miss Perry was a very successful teacher. Her scholars appeared to consider it a pleasure to do her bidding; consequently, the order in her school was as near perfect as any one could wish. At the close of the spring term Miss Perry tendered her resignation, much to the regret of your Committee and the parents of the children under her care.

The school during the fall and winter terms has been under the care of Miss Charlotte S. Buck, who was transferred from the Centre School at her own request. Miss Buck is a thorough disciplinarian, and her school shows marked progress in every branch of study.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

The South School has been, during the year, under the care of Miss Blan Alexander of Billerica. This school has continued to maintain its excellent record, and we consider Miss Alexander a teacher well adapted to the school under her charge. She seems to be interested in her school, and her



scholars appear to hold her in high esteem ; thus working together, good results will surely follow.

#### WEST SCHOOL.

The West School has been under the care of Miss Nellie L. Buck of Ballardvale. This is the smallest school in town ; yet the progress made shows that Miss Buck has not been remiss in her duties, but has labored faithfully, with credit to herself and her pupils.

#### CENTRE SCHOOL.

The Centre School was under the care of Miss Charlotte S. Buck during the spring term. This school is the largest in town.

The discipline was excellent, and, at the examination at the close of the spring term, the recitations were prompt and correct in nearly every instance. During the fall and winter terms Miss Nellie B. Eames was employed as teacher.

Miss Eames is a graduate of our High School, and also of the State Normal School at Salem. This is her first experience at teaching, and her efforts bid fair to be successful.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School during the spring term was in the charge of Mr. Sidney E. Bailey. At the end of the spring term (it being the close of the school year) Mr. Bailey resigned, on account of insufficiency of salary.

The examination took place on the morning of June 25th, and the closing exercises in the evening of the following day. Mr. Bailey, although an accomplished scholar, lacked very much in his ability to govern ; consequently, the discipline of the school, at the close of the year, was not of the first order.

During the summer vacation your Committee discussed the practicability of employing a lady teacher, on the ground that we can retain the services of a good female teacher longer for the small salary which we are obliged to give. Acting on this theory, the services of Miss M. E. Leslie of North Woburn were secured. Miss Leslie is a graduate of the Woburn High School, and was, for two years just preceding her labors here, a student at Wellesley College.

Miss Leslie, beginning her labors here under somewhat disad-

vantageous circumstances, owing to the large degree of freedom which had been allowed previous to her taking charge of the school, has labored assiduously for the best interest of the school; yet she made a mistake in her method of government. She seemed to take it for granted that scholars old enough to attend this school would require no correction in their deportment, therefore the discipline has not been entirely satisfactory; still, at our last visit to the school, we noticed decided improvement, both in discipline and recitations.

One great hindrance to good order in this school is the movable desks and chairs. We hope that this trouble will soon be remedied.

#### SCHOOLHOUSES.

There needs to be considerable grading around nearly all of the schoolhouses. In some places the water has undermined the foundation, so as to let the underpinning fall into the cellar.

The walls and ceilings of several of the houses need whitening or tinting; new blackboards are also needed in one or two schools.

The graduating class who received their diplomas from the hands of the committee were:—

ROBERT HOSMER GOWING.  
EDGAR CHESLEY FOLKINS.  
NETTIE MARIE BUCK.

LILA MAUDE TAYLOR.  
ANNA TOLMAN SHELDON.  
LIZZIE TEMPLE SHELDON.

OTHNIEL EAMES,  
ARTHUR O. BUCK,  
PUTNAM WEBBER,

*School Committee.*

## ROLL OF HONOR.

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### HIGH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Emma Murray. *Fall Term:* Emma Murray, Horace S. Buck, Arthur Sidelinker. *Winter Term:* Emma Murray, Roxanna Eames, George Perry.

### NORTH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Elmer E. Batcheller, Irving S. Batcheller. *Winter Term:* Herbert A. Harnden.

### EAST SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Maurice A. Buck, Arthur E. Carter, Willis H. Carter, Charles F. Perry, Etta A. Swain. *Fall Term:* Maurice A. Buck, Arthur E. Carter, Willis H. Carter, Marion Holt, Hattie S. Taylor. *Winter Term:* Maurice A. Buck, Hermon B. Bancroft, Arthur E. Carter, Frank G. Carter, Willie F. Carter, Willis H. Carter, Marion Holt, Etta A. Swain, Hattie S. Taylor.

### SOUTH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Mary M. McGrane, Ellen P. Snelling. *Fall Term:* Evaline A. Flagg. *Winter Term:* John H. Snelling, James P. Dowd.

### WEST SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Charles V. Blaisdell. *Fall Term:* Charles V. Blaisdell. *Winter Term:* Charles V. Blaisdell, Albert D. Butters.

### CENTRE SCHOOL.

*Fall Term:* Ernest Kersting, Fred. Perry. *Winter Term:* Willie Mullen, Mary Octavia Babine.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Term	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number between 5 and 14 years.	Length of Time	Salary per month.
High,	Mr. Sidney E. Bailey,	Spring,	24	20	—	11	8	3 months.	\$48 00
"	Miss M. E. Leslie,	Fall,	27	22	—	9	11	3 "	48 00
"	"	Winter,	27	24	—	9	11	In session.	48 00
North,	Miss M. J. Whittemore,	Spring,	32	21	—	3	23	3 months.	32 00
"	"	Fall,	27	15	—	—	21	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	32 00
"	"	Winter,	24	—	—	—	20	In session.	32 00
East,	Miss H. Ida Perry,	Spring,	16	13+	—	—	12	3 months.	32 00
"	Miss Charlotte S. Buck,	Fall,	17	15	—	—	12	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	32 00
"	"	Winter,	16	—	—	—	12	In session.	32 00
South,	Miss Blan Alexander,	Spring,	30	22	1	1	15	3 months.	32 00
"	"	Fall,	23	18+	—	—	10	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	32 00
"	"	Winter,	21	—	—	—	12	In session.	32 00
West,	Miss Nellie S. Buck,	Spring,	13	11+	—	—	9	3 months.	32 00
"	"	Fall,	12	8	—	—	8	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	32 00
"	"	Winter,	12	—	—	—	5	In session.	32 00
Centre,	Miss Charlotte S. Buck,	Spring,	47	27+	—	—	33	3 months.	32 00
"	Miss Nellie B. Fames,	Fall,	46	34+	1	—	32	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	28 00
"	"	Winter,	43	—	—	—	22	In session.	28 00



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Edward M. Nichols, Constable of the town of Wilmington, Greeting :*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble in the Town Hall, on Monday, the first day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock A. M., to act upon the following articles, viz. :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate to defray annual expenses and pay town debts.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the select school for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways, and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, under the direction



of the selectmen, the money so raised to be paid out of this year's taxes.

ART. 12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? Yes or No.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended in improving the grounds of the cemetery.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the support and repairs of public buildings.

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for adorning the common the ensuing year.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to remodel the town house, or see what they will do about it.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to build a new school-house near the Lowell Depot, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will grade the balance of the highway on Church Street, from a point nearly opposite Edgar N. Eames' house to the flagstaff.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to sell lot No. 1, Ayers' Plan City No. 1, known as the Jeremiah Curtin lot.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in relation to the proposition of James Fraser.

ART. 21. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate to suppress hunting and fishing on Sunday in this town, and choose a committee to effect the same.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Wilmington, this ninth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
J. HOWARD EAMES,  
SYLVESTER CARTER,

*Selectmen of Wilmington.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON,

FROM

FEBRUARY 1, 1886, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1887.

AND

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE SCHOOL-YEAR 1886-87;

AND ALSO THE

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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BOSTON :

WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO.,

18 POST OFFICE SQUARE.

1887.

## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1886.

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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

EDWARD A. CARTER, *Chairman*.

J. HOWARD EAMES.

NATHAN R. EAMES.

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Town Clerk.

WILLIAM H. CARTER.

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Town Treasurer.

FRANK L. EAMES.

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School Committee.

OTHINIEL EAMES,	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1889.
FRANK L. EAMES,	.	.	.	" " " 1888.
EDWARD M. NICHOLS,	.	.	.	" " " 1887.

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Trustees of Public Library.

ARTHUR O. BUCK,	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1889.
HOWARD M. HORTON,	.	.	.	" " " 1889.
OTIS C. BUCK,	.	.	.	" " " 1888.
WARREN EAMES,	.	.	.	" " " 1888.
SIDNEY C. BUCK,	.	.	.	" " " 1887.
CHARLES W. SWAIN,	.	.	.	" " " 1887.

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Treasurer and Librarian of Public Library.

ARTHUR O. BUCK.

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Collector of Taxes.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

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Auditors of Accounts.

HENRY HILLER.

WARREN EAMES.

HENRY SHELDON.

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Constable.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

## Fence Viewers.

HENRY SHELDON.

H. ALLEN SHELDON.

JOHN W. PERRY.

## Sealer of Weights and Measures.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

## Surveyors of Lumber.

SILAS BROWN.

HENRY SHELDON.

GEORGE H. HORTON.

EDWARD A. CARTER.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

## Measurers of Wood and Bark.

HENRY B. NICHOLS.

HENRY SHELDON.

GEO. W. HORTON.

EDWARD A. CARTER.

JAMES E. KELLEY.

## Public Weighers of Merchandise.

WM. WARREN CARTER, for the North.

HENRY BUCK, for the South.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS, for the Centre.

## Measurer of Leather.

JAMES E. KELLEY.

## Field Drivers.

A. PORTER PEARSON, for the North.

ELMER E. SIMONDS, for the South.

J. HOWARD EAMES, for the East.

GEORGE E. MILLIGAN, for the West.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS, for the Centre.

## Pound Keeper.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

## Cemetery Committee.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS, . . . Term expires March, 1889.

HENRY SHELDON, . . . " " " 1888.

LEVI SWAIN, . . . " " " 1887.

## Superintendent of Almshouse.

WESLEY NASON.

### Surveyors of Highways.

DISTRICT	No. 1.	.	.	.	HENRY B. NICHOLS.
"	No. 2.	.	.	.	WM. H. CARTER, 2d.
"	No. 3.	.	.	.	FRED S. WHITE.
"	No. 4.	.	.	.	BENJ. F. PERRY.
"	No. 5.	.	.	.	GEORGE T. EAMES.
"	No. 6.	.	.	.	JOHN BAILEY.
"	No. 7.	.	.	.	CHARLES HOPKINS.
"	No. 8.	.	.	.	BENJ. F. PERRY.
"	No. 9.	.	.	.	WESLEY NASON.
"	No. 10.	.	.	.	WM. H. BOUTWELL.
"	No. 11.	.	.	.	EDWARD MEARS.
"	No. 12.	.	.	.	STEPHEN O. BUTTERS.
"	No. 13.	.	.	.	LEVI SWAIN.

### Common Committee.

HENRY HILLER,	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1889.
OTIS C. BUCK,	.	.	.	" " " 1888.
LEVI SWAIN,	.	.	.	" " " 1887.

### Special Police.

LEVI SWAIN,	.	.	.	Term expires March, 1887.
THOMAS A. BANCROFT,	.	.	.	" " " 1887.
A. PORTER PEARSON,	.	.	.	" " " 1887.

### Undertaker.

EDWARD M. NICHOLS.

### List of Jurors, Revised Oct. 14, 1886.

ARTHUR O. BUCK.	FRANK W. KIDDER.
ABIEL P. PEARSON.	ARTHUR W. EAMES.
JOHN F. WILD.	WM. H. BOUTWELL.
JAMES E. KELLEY.	DARIUS BUCK.
HENRY L. CARTER.	LEVI F. MANNING.
J. HOWARD EAMES.	H. ALLEN SHELDON.
JONATHAN H. BUCK.	EDWARD A. CARTER.

Paid County Treasurer \$163.80 for, and on account of, Dog Licenses in 1886.

WILLIAM H. CARTER,

*Town Clerk.*



# REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS.

## EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward A. Carter, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	\$150 00
J. Howard Eames, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	100 00
Nathan B. Eames, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	100 00
William H. Carter, for services as Town Clerk, . . . . .	20 00
Frank L. Eames, for services as Town Treas- urer, . . . . .	50 00
Edward M. Nichols, for services as Collector of Taxes, . . . . .	110 00
Edward M. Nichols, for services as Constable,	25 00
Othniel Eames, for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	45 00
Frank L. Eames, for services as School Com- mittee, . . . . .	25 00
Edward M. Nichols, for services as School Committee, . . . . .	25 00
Othniel Eames, for services as Moderator, .	3 00
Chester W. Clark, Henry Hiller and Warren Eames, for services as Auditing Committee,	6 00
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	\$659 00

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The amount expended by the several Surveyors, viz. : —

District No. 1.	Paid H. B. Nichols, . . . . .	\$101 66
No. 2.	William H. Carter, 2d, . . . . .	90 45
No. 3.	Frederick S. White, . . . . .	128 43
No. 4.	B. F. Perry, . . . . .	138 98
No. 5.	George T. Eames, . . . . .	125 05
No. 6.	John Bailey, . . . . .	80 00

District No. 7.	Paid Charles Hopkins, . . .	\$82 54
No. 8.	B. F. Perry, . . .	92 00
No. 9.	Wesley Nason, . . .	110 00
No. 10.	William H. Boutwell, . . .	91 86
No. 11.	Edward Mears, . . .	80 30
No. 12.	Stephen O. Butters, . . .	100 28
No. 13.	Levi Swain, . . .	66 99
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		\$1,288 54

The amount expended for the repairs of roads and bridges, . . . . . \$71 24

The amount expended for removing snow : —

District No. 1, . . . . .	\$1 33
No. 2, . . . . .	2 17
No. 6, . . . . .	2 50
No. 7, . . . . .	3 00
No. 8, . . . . .	4 50
No. 9, . . . . .	2 83
No. 10, . . . . .	2 67
No. 11, . . . . .	3 33
No. 12, . . . . .	4 50
No. 13, . . . . .	4 88
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	\$31 66

The amount expended for repairs on town house, .	\$171 56
amount expended for repairs on public build- ings, . . . . .	112 38
amount expended for improving the common,	100 00
amount expended for improving the cem- etery, . . . . .	173 25
amount expended for school books and sup- plies, . . . . .	267 69
amount expended for the support of the pub- lic library, . . . . .	200 00

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Wright & Potter, for printing town reports, .	\$55 00
E. A. Carter, for writing duplicate valuation book and returning to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, . . . . .	15 00

Paid E. A. Carter, for postage, expressing and stationery, . . . . .	\$1 00
Othniel Eames, for taking school census, . . . . .	5 00
Mr. Mulkeen, for police duty Fair Day, . . . . .	3 00
Jonathan Carter, for supplies furnished town house (1885), . . . . .	4 00
Everett G. Avery, for printing tax bills, . . . . .	4 00
A. P. Pearson, for police duty Fair Day, . . . . .	2 00
Winkley, Dresser & Co., for treasurer's draft book, . . . . .	6 50
Henry Ames, for justice fees, . . . . .	2 00
Miss Mary Kernon, for cleaning town house, . . . . .	2 00
Edward M. Nichols, care of town hall, . . . . .	15 00
for ringing bell, . . . . .	5 00
for returning 17 deaths to town clerk, . . . . .	4 25
for glass and putty, . . . . .	50
for key for Selectmen's room, . . . . .	20
for insurance on town house, . . . . .	22 50
N. B. Eames, for making and painting guide boards, . . . . .	5 89
Maynard Spaulding, for sawing wood at town house, . . . . .	4 08
Clerk of Court's fees, . . . . .	80
Wm. H. Carter, Clerk of Registrars, . . . . .	5 00
journey to Tewksbury to qualify representative, . . . . .	2 00
blanks for dog licenses, . . . . .	2 00
blank book, . . . . .	1 25
stationery, . . . . .	3 12
express matter, . . . . .	2 95
postage, . . . . .	75
printing notices, etc., . . . . .	2 00
making return to Secretary of Commonwealth of 20 births, . . . . .	10 00

Paid Wm. H. Carter, making return to Secretary of Commonwealth of 17 deaths, . . . . .	\$3 40
making return to Secretary of Commonwealth of 13 marriages, . . . . .	1 95
Dr. D. T. Buzzell, reporting births, . . . . .	3 00
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	\$197 14

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THEIR LAST ANNUAL  
MEETING.

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED.	AMOUNT EXPENDED.
Annual expenses, . . . \$1,000 00	For town officers, . . . \$659 00
For support of common schools, . . . . . 1,200 00	miscellaneous ex- penses, . . . . . 195 14
support of select school, . . . . . 550 00	support of common schools, . . . . . 1,814 32
support of poor, . . . 500 00	support of select school, . . . . . 622 00
support of highways, 1,500 00	support of poor, . . . 1,433 67
support of library, . . 200 00	support of highways, 1,288 54
repairs on public buildings, . . . . . 200 00	support of library, . . 200 00
improving cemetery, 200 00	repairs on public buildings, . . . . . 112 38
improving the com- mon, . . . . . 100 00	improving cemetery, 173 25
repairs on town house, 250 00	improving the com- mon, . . . . . 100 00
suppressing Sunday hunting, . . . . . 50 00	repairs on town house, 171 56
	suppressing Sunday hunting, . . . . . 10 75
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\$5,750 00	

STATE AID.

Paid Betsey Wilkins, . . . . .	\$32 00
Susan R. Poor, . . . . .	36 00
Phebe F. Simpson, . . . . .	48 00
Harriet Young, . . . . .	48 00
Merrill Hutchinson, . . . . .	29 00
Frank M. Boynton, . . . . .	112 00
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	\$305 00

## VALUATION FOR 1886.

Real estate, . . . . .	\$513,170 00
Personal estate, . . . . .	72,995 00
Total valuation, . . . . .	<u>\$586,165 00</u>
Amount of taxes assessed in 1886, . . . . .	\$5,604 61

Rate of taxation for general tax, \$8.50 per \$1,000.

## ABATEMENT ON TAXES

For the year 1884, Darius Buck, Collector, . . . . .	\$73 71
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## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm, . . . . .	\$5,000 00
Personal property at town farm, . . . . .	1,239 25
Eldad Butters' place, . . . . .	75 00
Town House, . . . . .	1,800 00
School houses and furniture, . . . . .	6,800 00
Town scales and sealer's office, . . . . .	250 00
Two hearses, . . . . .	350 00
Cemetery land and lots, . . . . .	800 00
Furniture in town hall and selectmen's office, . . . . .	450 00
Public library and furniture, . . . . .	1,000 00
Lock-up, . . . . .	300 00
	<u>\$18,064 25</u>

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
J. HOWARD EAMES,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Selectmen and Assessors of Wilmington.*



## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Registered Number	NAMES.	Age.	Remarks.
7	Fannie Butters, . . .	46	
8	Albert Carter, . . .	67	Died the 20th of January, 1887.
22	Charlotte Butters, . . .	14	
43	Eldad Butters, . . .	74	Died the 23d of February, 1886.
42	Mary Butters, . . .	70	Died the 20th of January, 1887.

Whole number during the year, . . . . . 5

Present number, . . . . . 2

Three hundred and eleven lodgings and seven hundred and fifty meals have been furnished to vagrants.

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, FEBRUARY 1, 1887.

Live stock, . . . . .	\$343 00
Farming tools, etc., . . . . .	378 75
Provisions, etc., . . . . .	125 50
Wood and lumber, . . . . .	49 00
Household furniture, . . . . .	327 00
Contents of lobby, . . . . .	16 00
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	\$1,239 25

## EXPENDITURES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Charles E. Hudson for groceries and grain, .	\$142 05
Henry Ames for groceries and grain, . . .	69 49
Jonathan Carter for groceries and grain, . .	65 74
Buck Brothers for groceries and grain, . . .	13 32
Superintendent's salary for two months, . .	50 00

Paid Edward M. Nichols, funeral expenses for Eldad Butters, Mary Butters and Albert Carter, . . . . .	\$63 50
William Nokes, the difference between horses, . . . . .	155 00
George E. Carter for meat, . . . . .	26 11
J. Howard Eames for meat, . . . . .	18 19
J. Howard Eames for cow, . . . . .	40 00
D. T. Buzzell for medical attendance, . . . . .	1 00
Edward A. Carter car fare, . . . . .	2 00
N. B. Eames for fertilizer, . . . . .	20 50
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	\$666 90

## OUTSIDE POOR SUPPLIED.

Paid for aid rendered Bernard Kernon and B. F. Upton and family, . . . . .	\$45 62
Paid for aid rendered Mrs. Thomas B. Flagg, . . . . .	9 25
medical attendance for outside poor, . . . . .	5 50
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	\$60 37

## WESLEY NASON'S ACCOUNT AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for dressing hogs, . . . . .	\$7 50
blacksmith work and repairs, . . . . .	28 26
gravel for highway, . . . . .	6 39
labor on farm and highway, . . . . .	133 42
grain and groceries, . . . . .	67 50
meat, . . . . .	24 50
dry goods, . . . . .	36 80
medicine, . . . . .	9 57
medical attendance, . . . . .	1 00
syringe, . . . . .	1 40
grinding corn, . . . . .	3 68
repairs on harness, and new collar, . . . . .	8 20
hardware, . . . . .	4 50
stove and pipe, . . . . .	14 40
lumber, . . . . .	2 82
mortar, . . . . .	15
ice, . . . . .	1 05
shoes and rubbers, . . . . .	3 20
crackers, . . . . .	42 44

Paid for whitewashing,	\$2 00
seed potatoes and other seeds,	12 26
pigs,	12 00
horse blankets,	3 65
tinware,	71
sewing,	3 32
window screens,	1 50
paint and glass,	1 37
pasturing cow,	5 75
use of bull,	75
potash,	60
fish,	11 06
crockery ware,	75
mending brass boiler,	85
window brush,	20
dog tax,	2 00
car fare,	85
Cash paid, superintendent's salary, 10 months,	250 00
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	\$706 40

## RECEIPTS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Received for milk,	\$350 18
calves,	36 77
butter,	4 33
pork,	76 15
potatoes,	105 60
vegetables,	44 02
wood,	20 06
eggs,	6 00
apples,	4 40
board,	3 11
labor,	115 88
poultry,	4 79
clothing,	2 35
tin pail,	20
berries,	70
oil barrel,	1 50
cow,	29 80
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	\$805 84

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Total expense at the Almshouse, . . . .	\$1,373 30
Receipts, . . . . .	805 84
Net expense at the Almshouse, . . . .	<u>\$567 46</u>
Expense outside, . . . . .	60 37
Net expense of poor, inside and outside of the Almshouse, . . . . .	<u>\$627 83</u>

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
J. HOWARD EAMES,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Overseers of the Poor*

BOOK ACCOUNT OF E. M. NICHOLS, *Agent*.*Dr.*

1886.

Feb. 1.	To books received from Putnam Webber,	\$80 73
	cash received from Putnam Webber, .	2 66
	paid Henry D. Noyes & Co., .	232 54
	J. Howard Horton, . .	13 31
	Othniel Eames, . .	4 00
	C. W. Clark, . . .	12 25
	Hollis R. Gray, . .	8 58
	E. M. Nichols, . .	14 00
	Charles E. Hudson, . .	3 90
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		\$371 97

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1887.

Feb. 1.	By books furnished High School, . .	\$72 06
	Centre " . .	38 40
	North " . .	52 07
	South " . .	15 86
	East " . .	15 95
	West " . .	10 93
	cash paid for bookcase, . . .	13 31
	posts and bar, . .	4 00
	3 desks, . . .	12 25
	10 chairs, . . .	8 58
	car fare and express, .	4 00
	commission, . .	10 00
	for books sold, . . .	2 46
	books on hand, . . .	112 10
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		\$371 97



## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Public documents received, . . . . .	14 vols.
From the heirs of A. G. Carter, Woburn, . . . .	4 “
Miss Sabra Carter, Smithsonian Reports, 1882-83, . . . . .	2 “
Number of books for circulation, . . . . .	1,357 “
taken out during the year, . . . . .	1,214 “
persons taking out books, . . . . .	186

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Receipts.*

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1886, . . . . .	\$3 14
Received of town treasurer, appropriation for books, book-shelves, catalogues, and incidental expenses for 1886, . . . . .	200 00
town treasurer, balance of Burnap Fund, . . . . .	114 20
town treasurer, 6 months' interest on \$500 donated by the late Benjamin Buck, . . . . .	10 00
Catalogues and fines, . . . . .	3 77
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	\$331 11

*Payments.*

Henry D. Noyes & Co., books, . . . . .	\$71 30
Deposited Burnap Fund in Savings Bank, . . . .	114 20
with Burnap Fund in Savings Bank, . . . . .	80
DeWolf, Fisk & Co., books, . . . . .	2 95
Express on books, mucilage and key, . . . . .	85

Preparing new books, . . . . .	\$1 25
Covering and repairing books, . . . . .	1 85
Preparing catalogues and paper, . . . . .	21 25
Geo. W. Horton, 2 sets book shelves, . . . . .	22 00
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing 300 catalogues, . . . . .	54 00
Librarian's salary, 1886, . . . . .	25 00
Cash to balance, . . . . .	15 66
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	\$331 11

ARTHUR O. BUCK,

*Treasurer and Librarian.*

# A CONDENSED ABSTRACT FROM THE TOWN'S BOOKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1887. FRANK L. EAMES, *Treasurer.*

Dr.	CASH.	PER CONTRA.	Cr.
To balance in treasury at former settlement, . . .	\$912 81	By cash paid town orders, . . .	\$3,905 08
cash received of county treasurer, dog licenses, . .	135 61	"    " school orders, — North, . . .	352 40
"    " on account of taxes, 1883, '84, . . .	259 00	East, . . .	386 50
"    "    "    "    "    1885, . . .	1,594 12	Centre, . . .	362 07
"    "    "    "    "    1886, . . .	4,000 00	South, . . .	380 50
for town notes issued, . . .	1,800 00	West, . . .	333 25
for cemetery lot, . . .	10 00	High, . . .	622 00
from the Commonwealth corporation tax, . . .	54	"    " cemetery committee, . . .	10 00
"    "    "    national bank tax, . . .	105 61	"    " town's notes, . . .	1,800 00
"    "    "    State aid, ch 301, acts '79, . . .	156 00	"    " interest, . . .	35 50
"    "    "    "    "    ch. 252, acts '79, . . .	72 00	"    " library, . . .	200 00
"    "    "    "    "    school fund, . . .	211 21	"    " State tax, . . .	465 00
received on account poor, . . .	99 44	"    " county tax, . . .	279 57
"    "    "    interest, . . .	115 11	"    " State aid, . . .	305 00
"    " of A. A. Shauding, bequest of the . . .	200 00	balance carried forward to new account, . . .	738 98
"    " of late James Fraser, . . .			
"    " of Darius Buck, bequest of the late . . .			
"    " Benjamin Buck, . . .	500 00		
"    " for rent of town hall, . . .	4 00		
	<u>\$10,175 45</u>		<u>\$10,175 45</u>

The undersigned, a committee chosen on the part of the town to examine and settle with the Treasurer, hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly cast and properly vouched, and they find remaining in the treasury seven hundred and thirty-eight dollars and ninety-eight cents.

HENRY HILLER, }  
HENRY SHELDON, } *Auditors.*  
WARREN EAMES, }

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, . . . . .	\$738 98
Due on taxes, 1883, '84, . . . . .	120 25
1885, . . . . .	482 21
1886, . . . . .	1,598 57
State aid, . . . . .	251 00
From city of Malden, . . . . .	30 50
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	\$3,221 51

### LIABILITIES.

Due East School, . . . . .	\$2 32
Centre " . . . . .	18 67
South " . . . . .	14 25
West " . . . . .	76 67
High " . . . . .	283 64
Outstanding town orders, . . . . .	94 19

### TRUST FUNDS.

Bequest of Dolly Harnden, . . . . .	\$100 00
" James Fraser, . . . . .	200 00
" Benjamin Buck, . . . . .	500 00
Interest accrued on above, . . . . .	10 00
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	\$1,299 74
Amount of assets exceeding liabilities, . . . . .	<hr/>
	\$1,921 77

## STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WILMINGTON IN 1886.

No.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.	Date of Birth.
			1886.
1	Ethelyn Blaisdell.	{ Walter J. Blaisdell. Hattie L. Blaisdell. }	Jan. 5.
2	Walter E. Taylor.	{ Henry A. Taylor. Inez G. Taylor. }	Feb. 2.
3	Anna F. Casey.	{ Michael Casey. Lena Casey. }	March 4.
4	Clarence G. Eames.	{ Wm. T. Eames. Lillian Eames. }	April 6.
5	Daniel R. Carter.	{ Wm. H. Carter, 2d. Clara A. G. Carter. }	April 14.
6	Levi A. Gilson.	{ Solomon S. Gilson. Lizzie L. Gilson. }	April 17.
7	James Rossiter.	{ John Rossiter. Lizzie Rossiter. }	May 12.
8	Catherine Kernon.	{ James Kernon. Mary W. Kernon. }	May 22.
9	Margaret Wall.	{ Thomas A. Wall. Bridget Wall. }	May 30.
10	George S. Lane.	{ George E. Lane. Marie A. Lane. }	June 8.
11	John E. Doucette.	{ Jeremiah Doucette. Demititie Doucette. }	June 26.
12	Bertha F. Hutchinson.	{ Merrill Hutchinson. Harriot A. Hutchinson. }	June 29.
13	Lawrence J. Babine.	{ Mondy Babine. Emily Babine. }	July 20.
14	William A. Appleby, Jr.	{ William A. Appleby. Fannie F. Appleby. }	July 30.
15	Edith Ames.	{ Henry Ames. Addie C. N. Ames. }	Aug. 7.
16	Frederick J. Reynolds.	{ John F. Reynolds. Jennie D. Reynolds. }	Aug. 22.
17	Morris F. Granfield.	{ John Granfield. Mary J. Granfield. }	Oct. 5.
18	Margaret E. Babine.	{ Amos Babine. Judith Babine. }	Oct. 21.
19	Beulah E. Eames.	{ Warren Eames. Elizabeth A. Eames. }	Oct. 22.
20	Catherine Doyle, Jr.	{ James Doyle. Catherine Doyle. }	Nov. 25.



# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON IN 1886.

Number.	Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.	Condition.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Disease or cause of Death.
1	1886. Jan. 6,	Sarah E. Richardson,	<b>Y. M. D.</b> 61 10 12	Married, .	Lexington, .	Benjamin Locke, Sally Locke.	Ulcer of stomach.
2	Feb. 2,	Walter E. Taylor, .	8 hours.	Single, .	Wilmington, .	Henry A. Taylor, Inez J. Taylor.	Premature birth.
3	Feb. 23,	Eldad Butters, .	75 0 0	Married, .	Burlington, .	Simeon Butters, Polly Butters.	Paralysis.
4	Mar. 9,	Hannah F. Casey, .	0 0 5	Single, .	Wilmington, .	Michael Casey, Lena Casey.	Hemorrhage.
5	Mar. 10,	Ethelyn Blaisdell, .	0 2 5	Single, .	Wilmington, .	Walter J. Blaisdell, Hattie L. Blaisdell.	Whooping cough.
6	Mar. 18,	Hannah S. Goodwin, .	84 2 21	Widow, .	Danville, Vt., .	Phillip Colby, Elizabeth B. Colby.	Gangrene.
7	May 4,	William Wentworth, .	81 6 19	Married, .	Wakefield, N. H., .	Elias Wentworth, Lydia Wentworth.	Heart disease.
8	May 12,	James Rossiter, .	0 0 2	Single, .	Wilmington, .	John Rossiter, Lizzie Rossiter.	Premature birth.

9	May 17,	Fred H. Morris, .	24	4	17	Married, .	Wilmington, .	Jonathan B. Morris, Abbie J. Morris.	Consumption.
10	June 5,	Sarah A. Pearson, .	64	4	13	Married, .	Andover, Mass, .	Nathan Townsend, Eliza S. Townsend.	Heart disease.
11	June 15,	Hannah M. Bailey, .	85	0	0	Widow, .	Westford, Mass., .	William Mears, Esther Mears.	Old age.
12	June 19,	Sophia E. Wentworth,	78	2	0	Widow, .	Greesborough, Vt., .	Joseph Glidden, Dorcas Glidden.	Neuralgia of the heart.
13	July 3,	Ethel Olive Bond, .	0	8	17	Single, .	Casselton, Dak., .	Joseph J. Bond, Margaret M. Bond.	Brain fever.
14	July 27,	Salome Phillips, .	75	10	16	Married, .	Londonderry, N. H., .	Joseph Ripley, Salome Ripley.	Heart disease.
15	Sept. 8,	Henry Blanchard, .	66	7	11	Married, .	Wilmington, .	William Blanchard, Elizabeth F. Blanchard.	Heart disease and malarial fever.
16	Nov. 22,	George F. Nichols, .	4	7	4	Single, .	Andover, Mass., .	Francis Nichols, Sarah A. Nichols.	Croup.
17	Nov. 26,	Isaac Damon, .	81	2	18	Widow, .	North Reading, .	Lafayette Damon, Esther Damon.	Bright's disease of kidneys.

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON IN 1886.

Number.	Date of Marriage.	Names of Groom and Bride.	Age.	Residence.	Occupation of Groom.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.
	<b>1886.</b>						
1	Jan. 12,	Henry S. Conyers, Delia H. Gerry, .	36 25	Lowell, Wilmington,	Surveyor,	Woburn, . Boston, .	Sherman and Elizabeth Conyers. William and Nellie Gerry.
2	Mar. 28,	Frank Bisbee, . Ida Jellison, .	21 19	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Cooper,	Canada, . Bath, Me., .	Oliver and Mary Bisbee. Alvah and Sarah Jellison.
3	June 15,	Frank C. Nichols, Sarah E. Carter, .	36 23	Woburn, Wilmington,	Ice Dealer,	Woburn, . Wilmington, .	Tracy C. and Lydia R. Nichols. William and Susan Carter.
4	June 16,	Frank W. Hobart, Ardelle W. Butters, .	32 26	Quincy, Wilmington,	Stone Cutter,	Medford, . Wilmington, .	John Q. and Sarah R. Hobart. Chauncey W. and Mary J. Butters.
5	June 30,	John Sands, Jr., Hattie E. Carter, .	27 19	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Carrier,	New Brunswick, Wilmington, .	John and Lydia Sands. Osgood A. and Malvina Carter.
6	Aug. 25,	William C. Buck, Sallie U. Flint, .	22 20	Wilmington, No. Reading,	Clerk,	Wilmington, . No. Reading, .	Otis C. and Caroline R. Buck. Isaac and Mary J. Flint.
7	Aug. 29,	Charles B. Osbon, Alice W. Pringle, .	25 18	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Clerk,	White Plains, N.Y., Woburn, .	Abiathur F. and Josephine G. Osbon. George and Mary A. Pringle.
8	Sept. 11,	Edward E. Poore, Georgianna A. Mason,	19 38	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Farmer,	Andover, . Andover, .	Washington L. and Susan R. Poore. Willard and Sarah J. Mason.
9	Sept. 23,	Luther A. Parrott, Carrie C. Cook, .	20 20	Quincy, Wilmington,	R. R. Baggage Master.	Quincy, . Wilmington, .	John F. and Caroline Parrott. George F. and Jerusha Cook.

10	Oct. 6,	Virgil C. Pond, . Maud M. Closson, .	32 21	Foxborough, Wilmington,	Dentist,	Foxborough, Boston, .	Virgil S. and Ann M. Pond. Augustus O. and Marrian A. Closson.
11	Oct. 26,	Arthur P. McDonald, Sarah E. Smith, .	20 18	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Farmer,	Wilmington, Nova Scotia, .	John and Esther F. McDonald. Henry and Dorothy Smith.
12	Oct. 26,	Mark Babine, . Rose Muse, .	22 21	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Laborer,	Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia, .	Oliver and Julia S. Babine. Christopher and Rosanna Muse.
13	Dec. 22,	Daniel H. Gowling, Mary Iveston, .	20 21	Wilmington, Wilmington,	Carpenter,	Wilmington, England, .	Jonathan H. and Mary J. Gowling. George I. and Elizabeth E. Iveston.





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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,  
FOR THE YEAR 1886-87.

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## SCHOOL REPORT.

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In presenting this their annual report of the schools for the past year, the committee say that most of the schools have maintained their former good record.

In the East, South, and Centre schools there has been no change in teachers during the year, and the progress has been apparent. The average attendance in the East School has been larger in proportion to the number of scholars attending than in any other school, and in the South School it was the smallest. The number of scholars in the Centre School is steadily increasing, and will soon reach the limit allowed by law to be under the charge of one teacher. See sect. 14, chap. 44, School Laws.

### NORTH SCHOOL.

The North School was, during the spring term, under the charge of Miss Mary J. Whittemore of Lowell. Miss Whittemore fully sustained her former most excellent record, and it was with regret that we received her resignation.

Miss Nellie L. Buck of Ballardvale took charge of the school at the beginning of the fall term, and we are pleased to say maintained the high standard to which this school has attained throughout the remainder of the year.

### WEST SCHOOL.

This school was under the charge of Miss Nellie L. Buck during the spring term, and although quite small in numbers, made a very good exhibit at its close.

The fall and winter terms the school was under the charge of Miss Agnes C. Eames. This was Miss Eames' first experience as teacher, and when the committee visited the school everything was commendable; the order was good, and the recita-

tions were prompt and mostly correct. Still there was lack of discipline, which we think might have been remedied had the parents fulfilled their duty toward their children. There are the names of three scholars in this school whose deportment is marked on the register as being below mediocrity, the only ones in town so marked.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. H. H. Ellis of Oxford, Maine, was in charge of this school during the spring term.

The old adage, "A new broom sweeps clean," was verified during the first part of the term, and we were quite encouraged. One good feature of his school was the improvement in writing, and he gave particular attention to that branch of study. As time went on the listlessness of former days was apparent in many of the scholars, which told to their discredit at the close of the term. The graduation exercises took place Friday evening, June 25th.

The names of the graduates were : —

MABEL BEALE POTTER.

NATHAN OSGOOD EAMES.

JOHN WALTER HAMLIN.

The services of Mr. C. H. Scholefield were engaged for the fall term. Mr. Scholefield is a graduate of the Providence Normal School, and we are satisfied that he is doing good work. It is with pleasure that we can say that the appearance of the school has changed very much for the better. The order in the school-room is very good, and the recitations are very prompt.

### SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The school-houses are in very good condition, the walls of all of them having been whitened during the summer vacation. We are of the opinion that the Centre School-house ought to be enlarged or better accommodation afforded in some way. There have been four new desks provided, and still more are required, for which there is no room.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

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### HIGH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Francene A. Buck, E. Roxie Eames, Emma A. Murray. *Fall Term:* Emeline M. Doucette, Emma A. Murray, Etta A. Swain, George L. Perry. *Winter Term:* E. Roxie Eames, Emma A. Murray, Aldice G. Eames.

### NORTH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Alice W. Pike, Carrie E. Pike, Ernest C. Beale, Etta Jennings, Albert Jennings, Albert E. Poore, Elmer E. Batcheller, Irvin S. Batcheller, T. Louis Doucette. *Fall Term:* Nellie Francis, Mabel Pike, Nellie White, Percy Buck, T. Louis Doucette. *Winter Term:* Nellie Francis, Alice Doucette, Percy Buck, T. Louis Doucette.

### EAST SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Marion Holt, Etta A. Swain, Hattie S. Taylor, Maurice A. Buck, Homer W. Bancroft, Arthur E. Carter, Willis H. Carter. *Fall Term:* Marion Holt, Hattie S. Taylor, Lizzie Y. Taylor, Charles F. Perry, Homer W. Bancroft, Arthur E. Carter, Frank G. Carter, Willis F. Carter. *Winter Term:* Marion Holt, Hattie S. Taylor, Arthur E. Carter, Charles F. Perry.

### SOUTH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Mary M. McGrane, Evaline A. Flagg, Nellie P. Miller, Hattie F. Miller, Fred. A. Taylor. *Fall Term:* Evaline A. Flagg, Patrick F. McGrane. *Winter Term:* Evaline A. Flagg.

## WEST SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Ida Kelley, Charles Blaisdell.

## CENTRE SCHOOL.

*Spring Term:* Harry H. N. Ames. *Fall Term:* Mary O. Babine, Lillian May Cady, Margaret E. Gillispie, Lucy M. Harmon, May F. Harmon, Emma E. Kellom, Harry H. N. Ames. *Winter Term:* Harry H. N. Ames, Lucy M. Harmon, May F. Harmon.



TABLE OF STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Tenn.	Number of Pupls.	Average Attend- ance.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number between 8 and 14 years.	Length of Time.	Salary per Month.
High,	H. H. Ellis,	Spring,	24	19+	-	11	13	3 months,	\$18 00
"	C. H. Scholefield,	Fall,	28	23+	-	10	18	"	48 00
"	"	Winter,	27	-	-	10	17	"	48 00
North,	Miss M. J. Whittemore,	Spring,	33	26	-	-	28	In session,	32 00
"	Miss Nellie L. Buck,	Fall,	40	31+	-	1	29	3 months,	32 00
"	"	Winter,	35	19+	-	1	26	"	32 00
East,	Miss Charlotte S. Buck,	Spring,	20	16+	-	-	16	"	32 00
"	"	Fall,	15	13+	-	-	11	"	32 00
"	"	Winter,	14	11+	-	-	11	"	32 00
South,	Miss Blan Alexander,	Spring,	31	22	2	-	13	"	32 00
"	"	Fall,	24	14+	1	-	8	"	32 00
"	"	Winter,	19	4+	-	-	5	"	32 00
West,	Nellie L. Buck,	Spring,	12	10+	-	-	8	"	32 00
"	Agnes C. Eames,	Fall,	13	8+	-	-	8	"	28 00
"	"	Winter,	6	2+	-	-	4	"	28 00
Centre,	Nellie B. Eames,	Spring,	48	28	-	-	30	1 month,	32 00
"	"	Fall,	48	41+	-	-	26	3 months,	32 00
"	"	Winter,	49	34	-	-	33	"	32 00

OTHNIEL EAMES,  
 FRANK L. EAMES,  
 EDWARD M. NICHOLS,

} School Committee.

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

## MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To Edward M. Nichols, Constable of the Town of Wilmington, Greeting :*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Wilmington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble in the Town Hall on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at eleven o'clock A.M., to act on the following articles, viz. :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate to defray annual expenses and pay town debts.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of common schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the select school for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of highways and determine how the same shall be expended.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the public library for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, under the direction

of the selectmen, the money so raised to be paid out of this year's taxes.

ART. 12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? Yes or No.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended in improving the grounds of the cemetery.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the support and repairs of public buildings.

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for adorning the Common the ensuing year.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to enlarge the Centre School-house and appropriate money for the same, or see what they will do about it.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to build a new school house within a distance of less than half a mile from the Boston and Lowell Railroad Depot in said Wilmington, for the purpose of maintaining a school in that part of the town and appropriate any sum or sums of money therefor, and choose a committee to procure a lot of land and cause said building to be erected thereon, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to the proposition of Miss Sabra Carter.

ART. 19. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate to suppress hunting and fishing on Sunday in this town.

ART. 20. To see how the town will dispose of the trust fund now in the hands of the treasurer.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take in regard to the injuries received by Frederick S. White, caused by driving on to a bound stone near the tannery.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Wilmington, this seventeenth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

EDWARD A. CARTER,  
J. HOWARD EAMES,  
NATHAN B. EAMES,

*Selectmen of Wilmington.*

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